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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## The Ministry Of Movies

By Evangelist Bill Rice,  
Associate Editor

Bill had been sitting by an old-fashioned radio in an old-fashioned parlor for more than two hours. It was Sunday afternoon. The skinny, towheaded orphan boy was all alone in the house. Everyone else had left right after church for Fort Worth to hear the world-famous evangelist, Billy Sunday. But there had been no room for Bill. He had stood outside the church that morning wistfully eyeing each car as it left with its load of happy, excited people. But no one had asked Bill to go. There had been no room for a kid like him.

At last every car had left and the boy slowly walked the lonesome blocks to the house on West Main Street. But wait! Wasn't the service going to be broadcast? Of course it was! It was going to be on station WBAP. The boy hurried into the house and turned on the radio and, after a great deal of screaming, screeching, and squawking, a brassy-voiced announcer assured him that he was listening to radio station WBAP from Fort Worth, Texas. Although the famous evangelist was not to speak until 2:30, Bill wasn't taking any chances on missing him. He left the radio on while he hastened to the kitchen to get something to eat and then came back to sit by the radio in the parlor. News broadcasts, musical programs, commercials... and still the boy waited. At last 2:30 came and suddenly a great choir was singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." A few moments later, the moving voice of the evangelist came over the air waves. Billy Sunday was speaking!

"Half asleep and half awake I walked the streets of a beautiful city. Birds with beautiful plumage flew over my head. Flowers bloomed everywhere in a riot of color and fragrance. The street on which I walked was pure gold."

It was Sunday's famous sermon on "Heaven." Bill listened that day to a message that was to help and comfort and bless him again and again and again in the days and years ahead. I know, for I am Bill! I was never privileged to hear Billy Sunday again, but I will thank God as long as I live for Christians who saw in radio a new method of proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to multiplied thousands who might not otherwise hear.

### Movies

Today Christian men see in Gospel movies a new means of getting out the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Of course they have had their critics just as radio preachers were so harshly criticized back in the early days. But Gospel movies are here to stay. And you ought to thank God for it. Today multiplied thousands are privileged to see and hear the

greatest soul-winning preachers in the world via the motion picture (Continued on page 5)

## MEPHIBOSHETH

By D. L. Moody

There is a story in the books of Samuel, away back as far as the time of the kings of Israel, which will help us to understand the Gospel. It is about a man by the name of Mephibosheth.

You know what a hard time David had when Saul was hunting him, and trying every way to kill him, and you remember it had been revealed to Jonathan, the son of Saul and heir to the throne, that David was to be the next king instead of himself; but this did not hinder his love for his friend David.

Ah, my friends, it must have been a real, true friendship that could stand that sort of thing!

One day David and Jonathan were taking a walk in the fields together, and Jonathan says to David, "It has been revealed to me that you are to be the king after my father. Now, I want you to promise me one thing: when you come to the throne, if any of the house of Saul are alive I want you to be good to them for my sake."

"I'll do that, of course," said David. So he made a covenant to that effect, and then he went off to the cave to Adullam to get out of the way of Saul.

About four years afterward David heard there had been a great battle over by Mount Gilboa, and that the Philistines had beaten the Israelites with great slaughter, and that Saul and Jonathan were both dead. So he got his men together, and went out after the enemies of the Lord and of Israel; and it wasn't a great while before he had turned the tables on them, and set up his kingdom at Hebron, where he reigned seven years and a half.

It must have been pretty near fourteen years before David remembered his promise to his old friend Jonathan—it is a great deal easier to make promises than to keep them—but one day the king was walking in his palace at Jerusalem, where he had removed his capital, and all at once he happened to think of that promise.

"That's too bad!" says David. "I forgot all about that promise. I have been so busy fighting these Philistines, and fixing things up, that I haven't had time to think of anything else." So he calls a servant in great haste, and says, "Do you know whether there are any of Saul's family living?"

The man said there was an old servant of Saul's by the name of Ziba, and maybe he could tell.

"Go and tell him I want him right away."

When Ziba came, David said, "Ziba, do you know whether there is any body of the house of Saul in my kingdom?" Ziba said there was one he knew of, a son of Jonathan, by the name of Mephibosheth.

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# "If THE FOUNDATIONS Be Destroyed!"

by Evangelist Robert L. Sumner

Wheaton, Illinois

"In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain? For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart. IF THE FOUNDATIONS BE DESTROYED, WHAT CAN THE RIGHTEOUS DO? The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men. The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup. For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright."—Ps. 11.

During the early days of World War II, when 'Victory Gardens' were so popular with the patriots, a humorous story made the rounds which still can teach a vital lesson. It seems that an inmate of an

asylum for the mentally retarded was observed one day busily swinging a pickax at the foundation of the building where the patients were housed. Asked what he was doing, he replied, "I'm digging out the foundation to make room for a 'Victory Garden.'" The shocked orderly gently inquired, "But if you do that, where will you live?" And the lunatic nonchalantly replied, "Oh, I'm going to live upstairs!"

We are not too surprised at such logic from padded cell fugitives, but there is a growing tendency in religious circles today to indulge in the same style intelligence. Modern ministers are zealously assaulting the foundations of the historic Christian faith, somehow supposing that when they have destroyed these foundations (to make room for a garden sown with the seeds of their 'social gospel') they can live 'upstairs.' It is the logic of spiritual madmen!

Every one knows the importance of foundations. It makes no difference how majestic the building, how much steel or concrete go to make up the walls, or what precautions are taken to safeguard the structure, if the foundation is faulty the building is worthless and must be condemned. As Cyrus commanded nearly two-and-a-half thousand years ago, "let

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Oh how that name "Jonathan" must have smitten the heart of David! One of the sons of his old friend living in his kingdom for as much as fourteen years, and he had never known it! What would Jonathan think of him for forgetting his promise that way? "Go fetch him!" says David, "go (Continued on page 4)

## For Young People

# MIRACLES of SCIENCE

by the late  
Arthur J. Brown M.D.

## Chapter XXVI Nature's Radar Expert

Today we examine some incomparably quaint creatures, members of the mammal family. They are "bats," usually regarded with superstitious dread, and viewed with repugnance by many people. They belong to the Order, Chiroptera, this word derives from two Greek words, meaning "hand" and "wing." As the word indicates, then they are "hand-winged" animals.

The early naturalists were much puzzled when they tried to classify them. Some called them birds because they could fly; others, quadrupeds because they could walk; and when eventually they were viewed as mammals, they were placed at the end of the list as a sort of connecting link between fur and feathers.

They are mammals through and through, covered with hair, and giving milk to their young, and yet they are aerial as most birds. The bat has four limbs and a tail, the fingers of the front limbs being remarkably elongated to serve as supports for a thin, semi-transparent membrane, which is a prolongation of the skin of the flanks. The arms are incapable of rotary movement, but the skin-enshrined fingers are able to beat the air rapidly with the steady strokes necessary for flight.

The short thumb is armed with a strong projecting hook-like claw, by which the bat can attach itself

to any convenient object, as well as help itself along a level surface.

They are found in practically all parts of the world and vary in size from that of a small mouse to a creature with a wing-span of several feet. Their facial appearance is exceedingly grotesque because of the peculiar development of muzzle and ears. The former is known as a nose-leaf, while in some, the ears are membranous expanded into such lengths that they can be folded as though they were wings. Imagine a mule with such appendages!

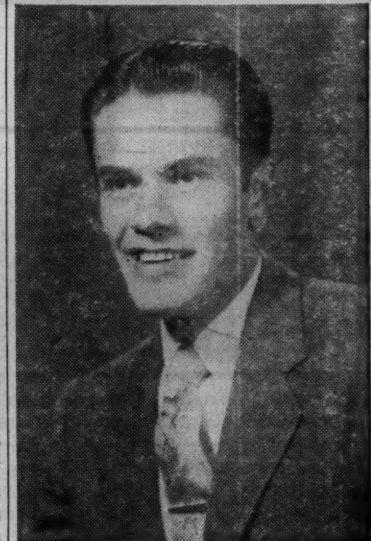
There are more than 400 species, the great majority, insect eaters, although a few add a little fruit to their diet, and Vampire bats love to suck blood. The ear and nose of the bat are always highly developed organs of extreme delicacy, and seem to account for the animal's almost supernatural sense of touch.

The peculiar wing membrane which I mentioned a moment ago, is a kind of silky skin that begins at the side of the neck, passes along the front surface of the arm, skips the clawed thumb, and is stretched out on four very long fingers. From the back surface of the arm, the membrane reaches along the sides of the body and is continued down the leg as far as

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Evangelist Bill Rice



Robert L. Sumner



# Are Christian Films WRONG?

by Editor John R. Rice

As far as I know, I was the first Christian in America to write more than a tract on the evils of the modern commercialized moving picture. My book, *What Is Wrong With the Movies?*, published by Zondervan Brothers, has gone to about sixteen printings, I believe, with many tens of thousands of copies. Since it was written, a good many others have written on the evils of commercialized picture shows. But at least my own position is very clear. I believe that Christians should not patronize the commercialized moving picture industry. Pictures shown in theaters are generally made by immoral, ungodly people with evil motives. They have crime and sex themes that are hurtful. The actors are immoral, unchristian, and not fit to be the teachers and companions and patterns of our lives and the lives of our children. The Rita Hayworths, the Ingrid Bergmans, the Errol Flynns, the Robert Mitchums of the movies do not deserve the patronage of Christian people. A Christian ought not to put his influence nor his money back of the corrupt and profane and lewd commercialized picture show.

And even when films are presented on television, every earnest Christian has to be most careful in keeping the wrong kind of teaching and influence out of his home.

On the other hand, I believe that the moving picture camera and projector and screen can be used to the glory of God, can be used to win souls to Christ. I want to give a reason for the faith that is in me. I want to show why Christians ought to use the moving picture projector and every other legitimate means for getting out the Gospel.

Let us admit, at the very start, that not every movie film which claims to be Christian is acceptable. It may be made by ungodly and wicked people. Or it may teach false doctrine. That is wrong. But we are compelled to say that not all the preaching from the pulpit is truly Christian preaching either. Sometimes the man who stands in the pulpit on Sunday to preach is worldly and carnal in his life. Sometimes his doctrine is unscriptural. Sometimes the preacher himself may be a modernist, denying the essentials of the Christian faith. But that is not to be held against a method of preaching from the pulpit. And if some movie film, claiming to be Christian, is wrong, that is not against the method, but against the particular film.

There are good people who believe that every new method is necessarily wrong. For example, old-time Scottish Presbyterians once thought that the use of any hymns or songs in the church, except paraphrased Psalms, was a sin. Again, there are people who believe that any musical instrument used in the service of God is out of

place. Those who were accustomed to a tuning-fork thought that it was proper, but when the piano and organ were introduced, the same people thought that was an introduction of worldly and sinful methods into the worship of God and the proclamation of the Gospel. But a method is not necessarily wrong because it is comparatively new. The method of using Christian films is not wrong simply because it is comparatively new.

Nor does anybody believe that God will ever dispense with the spoken word. No sensible Christian looks for the time to come when God will not have preachers to preach the Gospel in public and in private, by the spoken word. But we believe God has other methods, and that among these other methods is the Christian movie, as a way of getting out the Gospel.

Among good Christian people who think that the use of Christian films in the church particularly are wrong is Dr. A. W. Tozer, of Chicago, a learned and respected pastor of a Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, and a friend of this editor. Dr. Tozer has a pamphlet called, *The Menace of the Religious Movie*. In it he states the case of the objectors and so we will answer his objections, and so answer the question, "Is the Christian Film Wrong?"

To begin with, let us agree on a definition of terms. Dr. Tozer plainly says, "The motion picture is in the same class as the automobile, the typewriter, or the radio: a powerful instrument for good or evil, depending upon how it is applied." Automobiles have been misused. Typewriters have

been misused. Picture projectors have been misused, but they are not necessarily wrong in themselves. They may be used for good or evil. In this Dr. Tozer and I are agreed.

But now I will answer these propositions Dr. Tozer sets forth in his pamphlet, *The Menace of the Religious Movie*.

## I. Do Christian Films Violate "the Scriptural Law of Hearing"?

Dr. Tozer says of the Christian film, "It violates the Scriptural law of hearing." In other words, he is particularly against the use of the eyes in receiving the Gospel message. He says, "Were the message addressed to the ear as in the Scriptures, the picture would have no meaning and could be omitted without loss to the intended effect. Words can say all that God intends them to say, and this they can do without the aid of pictures."

Again, Dr. Tozer says that the Bible "teaches us that we should withdraw our eyes from beholding visible things, and fasten the eyes of our hearts upon God while we reverently listen to His uttered words."

But is Dr. Tozer correct in supposing that God intended the Gospel to be proclaimed only by the voice, and received only by the ear? I am sure he is wrong, and believe that I can prove it in a moment.

1. Is it wrong then to use the eye in receiving the Gospel? Obviously that is not true. Dr. Tozer has written some books. He intended for them to be read. He writes articles for Christian magazines, and hopes that people will read them. I think he is right. But this proves that God intended people to use their eyes in receiving the Gospel, and not only their ears.

Paul wrote letters to the churches he had founded. They are the thirteen or fourteen epistles of his in the New Testament. Matthew, Mark, Luke, James, Jude, and John also wrote letters to Christians; letters that were to be read in the churches, as well as read by individuals. So God intended that the eye should be used in receiving the message of God. The Bible never teaches, as Dr. Tozer says it does, "That we should withdraw our eyes from beholding visible things while we reverently listen to His uttered words." There is not a hint in the Bible that one should shut his eyes when he listens to the Gospel, or that he should not look at the preacher, or should not look at a chart, or should not look at a picture, or should not look at an object lesson. That teaching of our brother is, surely, scripturally unsound.

The Lord Jesus Himself wrote on the ground when the woman taken in adultery was brought before Him. (John 8:6). Doubtless He intended for people to read what He wrote. The Bible commands, "Give attendance to reading" (I Tim. 4:13). The Scripture commands, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). Certainly the Bible commands Christians to use their eyes in getting spiritual truths. And we should appeal to lost people through the eye as well as through the ear, if we are true to the emphasis of the Scriptures.

2. But God Himself used pictures in Bible times, to make clear spiritual truth. On the high priest's garments in the Old Testament were embroidered bells and pomegranates. On the walls of the temple and gates and furniture were engraved palm trees, cherubim, pomegranates, chains, flowers and wreaths (II Chron. 3:5-8; Ezek. 40:16; II Chron. 4:12,13; I Kings 7:26). On the candlestick there were graven flowers. Ezekiel was commanded to sketch a picture upon a tile portraying the city of Jerusalem with a siege against it and a fort and a mount and battering rams against the city (Ezek. 4:1,2). So God is not against pictures as a way of getting out the Gospel.

3. In fact, throughout the Bible spiritual lessons are taught as much through the eye as through the ear. What was circumcision but a solemn message on the circumcision of heart, the new birth, and on separation, pictured so the eye could grasp it? The passover lamb was a picture of Jesus, the Lamb

of God. Every animal sacrifice pictured Jesus. The golden candlestick or lampstand pictured Jesus, the light of the world. The table of shewbread pictured Jesus, the bread of life. The snake on the pole in the wilderness, set up by Moses, (Num. 21:5-9), pictured Jesus on the cross bearing the sins of the world. Jesus explains it so to Nicodemus in John 3:14-16.

Baptism is a picture for the eye showing the burial and resurrection of Christ. The Lord's Supper uses an object lesson, a picture, to remind us of the broken body of Jesus and His blood shed for us. The late Dr. George W. Truett had a sermon greatly used of God on "the Gospel for the eye," on the subject of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and how they preached the Gospel. A woman is to have long hair as a sign of her obedience to her husband or father (I Cor. 11:1-16). This is simply a lesson about which one is reminded through the eye more than through the ear. When the elders were commanded in James 5:13, 14 to anoint the sick with oil and pray over them, the oil was simply a picture of the Holy Spirit who must do the healing if one is healed. When we lay hands on a candidate for the ministry and ordain him, the laying on of hands is simply a token, a picture, which one can grasp all the better through the eye, that God must put His Holy Spirit upon a preacher if he is to preach with blessing and power. The Bible is full of the doctrine that the Gospel should be preached by pictures, by object lessons.

And a preacher today has as much right to preach by showing a picture before a great congregation as Ezekiel did to draw on a tile the picture of the siege of Jerusalem, to impress upon them the need to repent before the coming destruction of the city.

Dr. Tozer, our beloved brother, is mistaken in saying that the Bible "teaches us that we should withdraw our eyes from beholding visible things," when we hear the Gospel.

## II. Are Christian Movies Necessarily Wrong Because Enjoyable?

Dr. Tozer's second point is, "The religious movie embodies the mischievous notion that religion is, or can be made, a form of entertainment."

But that is really not a fair statement of the case. The inference is that one who makes a Christian movie has in mind primarily the entertainment of the people. But that is not true. I had the soul-winning motive when I stood before the camera and preached my sermon on "The Dying Thief," and when I advised about how to throw the Scriptures on the screen at a certain place, or an illustration at another place, as my voice went on with the blessed Gospel message God had given me. My motive was exactly the same as when I preach in great union revival campaigns or in a church, when I preach over the radio, when I preach through the columns of *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, or when I preach through books and pamphlets. My motive was to seize the attention of the people, to get them to hear and see and understand and act to accept Christ as Saviour. It is not a fair argument to infer that Christian movies are intended only or primarily for entertainment.

But are Christian movies wrong because they are interesting? Is any Gospel message more pleasing to God if it be uninteresting? I am sure that is not true.

1. Let us judge the spoken ministry by the same token. Is a preacher a better preacher if his eye is dull, if his voice is monotonous, if he has no laughter, no tears, no eagerness, no humor, no holy enthusiasm? Obviously the dull preacher is not a better preacher; he is a worse preacher.

Was Jesus wrong when He told those fascinating parables, sitting on Peter's boat at the edge of the Sea of Galilee, or on a hill with the multitude around Him? Was He wrong when He used object lessons like taking a child in His arms and blessing the child and then giving a holy exhortation to receive little children? Was the use of parables wrong? Is a story wrong? Was Jesus mistaken to use the story of the prodigal son instead of stating a bare fact with-

out illustration? Of course not! Color and charm in a speaker are not wrong; they are right.

Blessed is the man who plays on all the strings of his harp when he stands up to speak for God! Blessed is the man who can weep, and laugh; who can go from clear statement of Bible truth to moving oratory, to vehement denunciation of sin, and then to tenderest pleading! Men filled with the Holy Spirit are interesting. Men filled with the Spirit of God get larger crowds. Oh that today preachers would have the holy humor of Spurgeon and Moody, the boldness of Billy Sunday, the story-telling charm of Gipsy Smith and J. Wilbur Chapman, the logical clearness of R. A. Torrey! To be interesting and attractive is not wrong.

It is true that Christian movies are intended to attract. I noted a strange thing one day. In Des Moines, Iowa, I was announced to preach on "The Sevenfold Sin of Not Winning Souls" in a revival campaign. Then another night I preached on another subject, but had previously announced that after my regular sermon and invitation, we would have the film sermon on "He That Winneeth Souls Is Wise," which is really a brief version on the same sermon on "The Sevenfold Sin of Not Winning Souls." To my surprise more people came to hear me preach the sermon on film than came to hear me preach the same sermon in person! In one case they got the words. In the other case they got about the same words but they saw the illustrations and saw the Scriptures, and found themselves occupied with both eyes and ears. Was it a sin to be interesting? Was it a sin to hold their attention? Jesus and the apostles and all great preachers certainly would answer no.

## III. Is the Christian Movie Wrong to Embody Acting?

Dr. Tozer says, "The religious movie is a menace to true religion because it embodies acting, a violation of sincerity."

But our brother here makes a statement which is not backed up by the Scriptures.

Insincerity would be wrong, of course, whether in a man who makes a Christian movie or in the preacher in the pulpit. And we certainly are not advocating the theater. But actually every good preacher does put himself in the parts which he portrays.

Many a time as I preached on the prodigal son I felt with the poor prodigal the desolation of the hoggren, the loneliness, the condemnation, the hunger. With the prodigal son I said, "I will arise and go to my father!" I felt the joy of the prodigal son as the father put his arms around his neck and forgives him. Is a preacher wrong who feels these things, and if it shows in his face and his voice when he preaches? Well, then would it be wrong if the preacher were playing the part of the prodigal son and felt the same and made it a matter of prayer, and so earnestly pictured the truth?

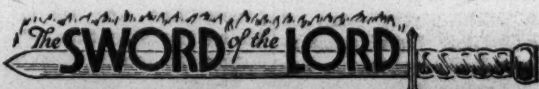
But go further than that. Why do you suppose the people crowded to hear the Lord Jesus when He told the parable the first time? I have no doubt that the whole thing lived before them. I think that by the inflection of His voice, by the earnestness of His face, Jesus showed the grief of the father when his prodigal son went away. I think He showed the poverty and ruin that came to the prodigal, and that Jesus must have made very real to all His hearers the blessed truths involved in that story. Was that wrong? Certainly not!

Certainly I am against wicked and ungodly actors being used to provide Christian films. But I am against using the same actors in the pulpit. On the other hand, devoted Christians have a right to use their voices and their faces and their movements to proclaim Christian truth.

Is a Christian wrong who stands and sings, "Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, And that thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come"? He is portraying the sinner coming to Jesus. He is "acting."

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## Slides And Filmstrips

By Evangelist Bill Rice, Associate Editor

Although movies may be the more attractive, there are many advantages to using slides and filmstrips. For one thing, they are far less expensive to buy, and slide or film-strip projector (or a projector that can use either) is far less expensive to buy. And they give opportunity for the teacher or preacher to explain Gospel truth in his own way.

### Matson Photo Service

One of the finest sets of slides to come our way is produced by the Matson Photo Service. For fifty years Mr. and Mrs. G. Eric Matson walked the paths our Saviour trod in Palestine, and other Bible lands. They studied the Scriptures and carefully photographed the places mentioned. Now they have brought these exquisitely colored 35mm slides to America and offer them to Christians at very reasonable prices. Since they took hundreds of pictures, they have a large variety from which to make the selections used in these sets. The sets include:

"A pictorial Record of Thirty-Five Years of Progress in Palestine."

"The Life of Our Lord." (We were so impressed with this wonderful set—fifty-two slides, \$13.00—that we purchased the ones they sent me for review!)

"The Twenty-third Psalm"

"Bearing on Bible Prophecies"

"Blue Galilee"

"Flowers of Palestine," and many others.

### Fred Visser Company

The newest of Visser's slides is the new set of Kodachrome slides, "Israel and Jordan." All of these photographs were taken within the past three years, and they show the land of Israel and the Jordan as it is today. With study guide, the complete set is \$25.00 and includes scenes of Bethlehem, the Temple area, the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Gordon's Calvary, the garden tomb, "New" Jerusalem, Nazareth, Barricades, bombing ruins, modern industry, etc.

Fred Visser has also produced a number of other wonderful and inexpensive sets that Bible scholars and students from coast to coast have found helpful. The sets may be examined without obligation, and parts of sets may be bought if whole sets are not needed or wanted.

### Moody Bible Institute

Moody Bible Institute has produced some wonderful filmstrips. One set is the Gospel-science filmstrips, adapted from the famous Sermons From Science motion picture films.

MBI has also produced a teacher-training tool kit that is wonderful. This set includes a sixteen mm. sound film in color, designed to create interest in Sunday School teaching, and a set of eight instructional "successful teaching" filmstrips, supported by a carefully written "leader's guide." A wonderful boon for Sunday School teacher training classes.

### Tabernacle Pictures

These are thirty sets of thirty-five mm. filmstrips. These are pictures made from paintings and drawings rather than actual photographs. The sets include:

"The Tabernacle in the Wilderness" and "The Children's Missionary Series" composed of twelve filmstrips in full color. There is another set on the Easter story and a number of wonderful Gospel stories for youngsters, such as, "He Took My Whipping," "The Little Haymaker's Secret," "Jimmy and Tin-Can Valley," etc.

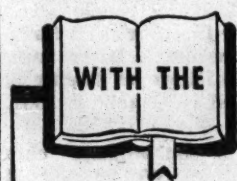
### Churchcraft Pictures

Churchcraft pictures are known for their high quality and scriptural soundness. They have just made a new color filmstrip entitled, "The Other Wiseman." This is Van Dyke's famous story of the fourth wise man who was to have gone with the three traditional ones to see the new-born Babe. But again and again he was delayed on his journey because he stopped to help unfortunate ones. Finally, after he had given away all the wealth he had purposed to give to the Lord Jesus, he met the Saviour in a most dramatic way. This is one of the finest fictional stories ever

written and this 25-frame colored filmstrip supported by carefully selected excerpts from the original Van Dyke story should be of tremendous interest and value to boys and girls.

### Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society

The Conservative Baptists also have a new filmstrip entitled, "What Makes a Missionary?" This is a filmstrip intended to show just what goes into the making of a successful, soul-winning missionary—the character, education, equipment and spiritual power that are needed in the making of God's true missionary.



REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

EVANGELIST CLIFF ROBINSON reports on a blessed summer. He writes Evangelist Bill Rice as follows:

"Dear Brother Bill:

"The Tennessee Temple College brass quartet and I enjoyed many blessings from the Lord this summer as we travelled in some fourteen states presenting the plan of salvation and the work of Tennessee Temple Schools.

"There were 257 decisions, many for salvation and others surrendering their lives for full-time service for Christ.

"Our hearts were certainly blessed as we saw many young people take their stand for Jesus.

"Yours in Christ,"

(Signed) Cliff Robinson

Sword of the Lord EVANGELIST JIMMIE THRELFALL conducted a revival campaign with the Upper Cross Roads Baptist Church of Fallston, Maryland, recently. Rev. Raymond Peters is the pastor of this church. Evangelist Threlfall writes, "The Lord wonderfully blessed in this meeting. How I do praise Him for the joy of witnessing His power. Beside the fourteen saved and eleven rededications, there were at least ten young people who were willing to answer God's call for full-time Christian service, as He leads. There were three saved from one home—the father and two sons! My heart was thrilled the way the Lord blessed in the closing service. There were six decisions that night.

"It was a real blessing to work with this pastor. His burden for souls was a joy to my heart."

(Pastors who wish to contact Evangelist Threlfall for campaigns should write Evangelist Bill Rice, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.)

Sword of the Lord EVANGELIST EDDIE WAGNER closed a meeting on September 12 with the Bethel Baptist Church of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Rev. R. E. Kile is pastor of this church. During the campaign there were twenty-two conversions and forty rededications. This was said to be the finest campaign the church has ever experienced. In a letter to Staff Director, Bill Rice, Evangelist Wagner wrote this interesting incident:

"One Christian man quit his smoking on the second night of the meeting. He testified that he had been fighting the habit for twenty-four years, but that he had been going at it the wrong way. He heard me say, 'Don't ask God to take a habit away from you. God isn't a bully. He won't take anything away from you. You will just have to quit it.' This man worked at the court house and the next day he knelt in one of the jury rooms and told the Lord he

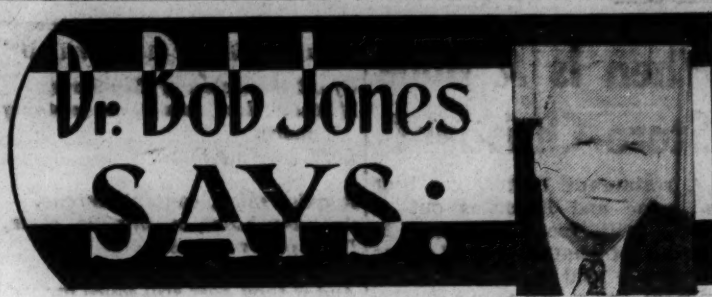
## We Aim to Please!

We delight to please our readers—and feel that we've done a good job of that in this issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD with its special emphasis on Gospel films.

In a very recent survey we learned that of all the advertising we carry, Gospel films are most popular. Next in popularity are Gospel recordings, and third—books for preachers.

If there were as many preachers as lay-people on the subscription list, no doubt books for preachers would be first. But we're proud of our film enthusiasts, too, and want you to be helped by the special article on films in this issue by Dr. Rice, by the reviews of many good Gospel films by associate editor, Evangelist Bill Rice, and by the many inches of advertising on some of the best films to be had anywhere.

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People often say, "If I had a lot of money, I certainly would try to do a lot of good." As a rule, people who have limited means who are not faithful in giving would not be faithful if the Lord gave them great material prosperity. We always measure a gift by the ability of the giver to give. God gives all who accept His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, eternal life. He is the only one Who has eternal life. We, however, have the privilege of supporting financially the spread of the Gospel message, which is the power of God unto salvation. Bob Jones University is undoubtedly training more preachers than any other regular liberal arts school in the world. It probably also has the largest class of future missionaries of any liberal arts school. We are making an effort at this time to raise a special fund, and we have three purposes in view. First, one-third of the fund will be set aside for the direct spread of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Second, one-third of it will be set aside to help students who are not able to pay all of their expenses in Bob Jones University to train for Christian service. Third, one-third of it will be set aside into a building reserve to help the institution erect more buildings to make more room for more young people who want to train as evangelical ministers of the Gospel, missionaries, school teachers, businessmen, businesswomen, etc. Now, you Christian friends can help us.

First: We are asking you to pray for us, and we are asking you to pray earnestly and daily. God called Bob Jones University into existence to do a special job, and we want to do just what God wants us to do.

Second: We want you to help us from time to time to contact the

right kind of students that can be trained to be uncompromising, consecrated Christian workers in this time when such workers are so greatly needed.

Third: We want you to invest some of the Lord's money in Bob Jones University's plan to get the Gospel to the people to the ends of the earth, to help train Christian workers who are not able to pay their way through school, and to help us put up new buildings to take care of young people who wish to attend the school. Now, you can help us. All of you can give generously. Some of you cannot give a very large gift, but a small gift in God's sight may be a more generous gift than a large gift from someone who has more money than you have. So please let us hear from you. We are counting on you. We have confidence in you. You know what God is doing through Bob Jones University, and we believe you are going to help us. Thank you and God bless you.

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evangelist has performed; nor will the 6,661 who made decisions for Christ while he was here; nor will countless thousands of others whose religious beliefs were crystallized and re-inspired.

Bible sales soared. Tavern operators complained of lack of business. The Gospel was on the lips of the man on the street.

A campaign budget of \$81,000 was reached in less than three weeks.

After a brief period of rest, the Billy Graham Team went for the Greater New Orleans Evangelistic Crusade which began at Pelican Stadium on October 3 and continues through October 31.

## Billy Graham Nashville Crusade Exceeds All Records for American Crusades

Total Attendance 660,000 With 6,661 Decisions for Christ

(REPORTED BY STAFF WRITER BILL SURBER, NASHVILLE BANNER, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, SEPTEMBER 12)

NASHVILLE, Tennessee—God touched this city of colleges, denominational headquarters and state capital to make the Billy Graham Greater Nashville Evangelistic Crusade the most successful the team has conducted in the United States.

Statistics: Total attendance 660,000. Decisions for Christ 6,661. Dedications 2,199 in a special consecration service. The largest crowds in Tennessee history for any event—highlighted by the throng of 65,000 that spilled from the stands onto the playing field of Vanderbilt University the final night. All this in 26 meetings from August 22 through September 19.

God gave overwhelming answer to the hunger in the hearts of men from all walks of life as an average of 264 persons—plus nightly walked across the green-turfed football field in response to the invitation. The attendance was consistent from the very beginning, with a nightly average of more than 25,000.

Visitors came from the world over—New Zealand, Australia, Brazil, India—and several English clergymen participated in the campaign.

The Crusade's final week was the largest evangelical seven days in the history of the team with attendance of more than 250,000. Over 230 churches backed the campaign and they represented 19 denominations. Chairman of the Crusade was the Rev. James M. Gregg,

Pastor of Nashville Lockeland Baptist Church.

Radio, television, and newspapers joined hands to provide the Crusade with tremendous coverage. The Gospel was front page in both Nashville newspapers from the moment Dr. Graham arrived. One paper published the text of each sermon. Wire services gave complete coverage to every newspaper throughout the South.

Nashville is a folk-music center, home of the "Grand Ole Opry." Entertainers were converted. The impact of the campaign was felt in the homes of the socially prominent and the humble.

Tennessee's Governor Frank Clement said about the campaign: "Tennessee has been spiritually invigorated and enriched by the Billy Graham Greater Nashville Crusade. People have become religious-conscious to a greater extent than ever before. They have been talking about religion; business men, housewives, people on the street.

"Naturally any governmental official would be pleased for such a blessing to come to his people. Above that, I have been personally strengthened immeasurably by my visits to hear Billy Graham speak and by my high privilege of close personal association with him in years past and while he was our guest and teacher.

"Tennessee will not soon forget the high service this magnificent



## When Is A Book Store Christian?

A restaurant that serves beer and wine and liquor is out of bounds with most preachers. It matters not what other good things to eat are sold there, the establishment has a bad name. An institution is held responsible for its products. It seems a bit inconsistent, to say the least, that many preachers who refuse to eat in a restaurant where liquors are served, find no inconsistency in going into a book store that consistently publicizes and advertises liberalistic and modernistic literature.

If a so-called Christian book store that pushes the sale of books from the pen of Harry Emerson Fosdick, Buttrick, Poteat, and the like, may do it on the grounds that they have to sell such to satisfy and meet the demands of their customers, a restaurant selling liquor could offer the same argument. After all, what is a book store, owned and operated by a denomination, in business for? Is it to make profit, or to disseminate truth? If it is to make profit, then we are no better than the liquor dealer who sells strong drink for the same motive. May we dare ask, is the sale of whiskey that damns the body more objectionable

### Lord, Give Me These

Of all the riches of Thy store,  
If thou dost grant me nothing more,  
Lord, give me these:

A quiet mind, content, serene,  
A loving-heart, submissive, clean,  
Lord, give me these.

And if thou hast still more for me,  
Then joy and gladness let them be,  
But give me these.

—Jo Beth Rice

than the sale of subtle, infidel literature that damns men's souls by undermining their faith? Whether we will admit it or not, we are held responsible for what we propagate.

The main reason for the cropping up of independent Bible book stores throughout the country is due in large measure to the revolt in the minds of a great host of Bible-believing Christians to the practice mentioned above. It may sound terrible; but is it actually any more harmful to get out in a back alley and sell bootleg liquor that will harm the bodies of men and corrupt society than it is to promote and sell faith-destroying literature that corrupts the souls of men? Think it through!

—Daybreak.

## Mephibosheth

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quick. Tell him I want him. I want to show him the kindness of God."

Now, my friends, where do you suppose Mephibosheth was all the time? He was down at Lo-debar. Did you ever hear of that place? There may be some here who have been round the world; did you ever come across that port? When you have traveled on the railway did any of you ever stop at that station?

Ah! yes; that is where the whole human race are until they come to Christ for salvation; away down at Lo-debar—which means a place of no pasture.

The king is in haste to keep his promise now. His messengers hurry off—maybe they take the king's own chariot—and rattle away to find this son of Jonathan.

When they reached the little out-of-the-way place, I fancy there was a great commotion.

"Where's Mephibosheth? The king wants him."

Poor fellow! when he heard that he hung down his head. He was afraid the king wanted to kill him, because he was of the house of Saul, his old enemy.

Ah, my friends, that's just the way sinners receive Christ's offer of salvation. They think God hates them, and wants to cut their heads off. But that is a great mistake.

"Don't be afraid," said the servants. "The king says he wants to show you the kindness of God. He is in a great hurry to see you; so get ready, and jump right into the chariot. Don't you see the king has sent his own chariot to fetch you?"

It did begin to look as if the king meant no harm to him. But poor Mephibosheth had another difficulty; he was lame in both feet. He was a little fellow when David came to the throne; and an old servant, who was afraid that all the house of Saul were going to be killed, took him up and ran away to hide him. Somehow he dropped the lad and lamed him in both feet.

And now I can see poor Mephibosheth looking down at his feet. Maybe the toes turned in, or he was club-footed. And he says to himself, "I am not fit to go to the king. I am a poor cripple. I am not fit to be seen among the tall,

handsome servants of the palace in Jerusalem."

That's just the way with a convicted sinner. He is all the time thinking of his own unworthiness, and saying to himself, I am not fit to be saved.

"Never mind your lame feet, Mephibosheth; so long as the king sends for you it's all right." So they take him up and put him into the chariot, and start for Jerusalem on a run.

As soon as the king sees him, he cries out: "O, Mephibosheth, the son of my dear old friend Jonathan! You shall have all that belonged to the house of Saul; and you shall live with me here in my palace and sit at my table."

What a happy man he must have been to hear that! Sinner, that is just what God says to the soul that comes to Him. He gives us a great fortune of love and grace; and He promises that we shall live with Him in His heavenly palace forever.

That is grace. David didn't say, "Let him come up to Jerusalem when he gets ready," but he sent away to fetch him. "Jerusalem" means the city of peace; and Christ invites you to His Jerusalem.

Some people think that Mephibosheth, like certain low-spirited Christians, must have been all the time worrying over his lame feet there in the palace of the king, but I don't think so. He couldn't help it, and, if David didn't mind it, it was all right. So I think that when he dined with him in state, with the great lords and ladies all around him, he just stuck his club-feet under the table and looked the king right in the face.

That is just the way with the Gospel. We are God's enemies, and the children of His enemies. We are lame, and blind, and wretched, and ragged, and hateful by reason of our sins; but the covenant of grace in Jesus Christ has been made; and now God sends for you, poor sinner, in the name of His Son, to come and eat bread at His table, and be a member of His family, and dwell in His house forever. Will you come? Will you come now?

—The End—

## Are Christian Films Wrong?

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ing," if you please. Is that wrong? We know that it is not.

### IV. Is There Scriptural Justification For Christian Movies?

Let us remind you again that we are not suggesting bad movies but only good movies. We are not advocating commercial picture shows and the theatre. We are definitely against them. We are not advocating religious movies that are not sound in doctrine, or that are not made by converted and consecrated Christians. But we are for using every means to get out the true Gospel of Jesus Christ by earnest, Spirit-filled Christians.

The next three points of Dr. Tozer's little pamphlet, *The Menace of the Religious Movie*, ought to be answered together. Dr. Tozer says, "They who present the Gospel movie owe it to the public to give biblical authority for their act: this they have not done."

His fifth point is, "God has ordained four methods only by which truth shall prevail—and the religious movie is not one of them."

His sixth point is, "The religious movie is out of harmony with the whole spirit of the Scriptures and contrary to the mood of true godliness."

But I think I have already shown that in the Bible God used pictures and object lessons, and that He appealed continually to the eye. We are to read the Bible. We are to read the Gospel. We observe the Lord's Supper and baptism as the Gospel for the eye of those who see. There is plenty of authority for appealing to the eye with the Gospel. All the ceremonial law did that expressly and so do the ordinances of the New Testament and so does the writer of the Word of God itself.

Dr. Tozer says that God has ordained four methods only by which the Truth shall prevail. He mentions prayer, song, proclamation of the message by means of words, and good works. But he forgot the Lord's Supper, he forgot baptism, he forgot other spiritual ceremonies. He forgot reading. He did not cover the ground. His argument falls.

Years ago someone asked Dr. J. B. Gambrell of Texas, where in the Scriptures the church organ was authorized. Dr. Gambrell replied, "In the same chapter where the Scripture authorizes songbooks and church pews." Of course the Bible does not require the use of songbooks and church pews, nor church auditoriums and organs in proclamation of the Gospel and in worship. Neither does it forbid them. Where the Bible makes no issue, we should make no issue.

The Bible says nothing about the printing-press. There were no printing-presses when the New Testament was written. Is it wrong therefore to print sermons? The Bible did not say anything about the moving picture machine because there were none when the New Testament was written. Is it therefore wrong to use this means of getting out the same Gospel as preached from the pulpit?

### V. Thousands Being Saved by Really Christian Movie Films

Dr. Tozer says, "I am against the religious movie because of the harmful effect upon everyone associated with it." I am sorry to differ with my dear brother. He is a good man. I join him in earnest concern that we stay with the Bible both in message and in method, as far as the Bible discusses methods. But for every person he can show who has been harmed by a religious movie, I can show him hundreds of people who have been harmed by false preaching from the pulpit. It is not the method but the message that harms, in both cases.

It happens that I know God is using Christian films to win thousands of souls. My own sermon, "The Dying Thief," has been shown around the world. I keep getting reports of people saved in Nova Scotia, in Japan, in England, in Texas, in Alabama, in South America, when they see this film and hear my earnest, plain Gospel message, in my own voice, through the 16 millimeter movie projector. And I have before me the testi-

mony of many others on this matter. An article in *Christian Life* magazine about the Moody Institute science films says:

"They have been translated into ten foreign languages, and have been shown in twenty-five countries, with a total audience of nearly two million last year. These film evangelists are responsible for at least 2,487 recorded conversions, plus many more in countries such as England, Holland, Ireland, Scotland and the Scandinavian countries which do not keep conversion records. Nor does this impressive figure include responses in the armed forces, where an aggressive film ministry is in action."

Now who can laugh off these thousands of conversions through the Moody science films? These Christian movies are acceptable and used widely before great army, navy and air force groups and in other secular centers, and have resulted in many precious souls finding Christ.

Mr. Baptista of the Scriptures Visualized Institute in Wheaton continually hears of people saved through their fine Christian films. I have before me a letter from Rev. Garland Riggle at Martinez, Georgia, dated November 9, 1951. He says:

"We are a soul-winners' club here in Martinez. We scraped all the funds together we could and purchased a secondhand projector. We showed your film (Mr. Baptista's), 'The Man Who Forgot God,' seven times altogether and believe there were 300 decisions for Christ. At three church services there were hands, and decisions at two schools where 100 responded each time. . . . Then we showed it to thirty-five soldiers headed for Korea and 8 responded. Then one night at City Stockade five walked the isle in tears to Christ. We praise God for the opportunity to win souls with your Gospel films."

I know Mr. Baptista well, and I know that such letters as these come to him all the time.

The Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago has a film, "Out of the Night." It shows the saving of a poor drunken man who had fallen from a good job, broken his home, and become a bum. There are over 150 prints now in use; some in nine foreign countries. Mr. Harry G. Saulnier writes, "According to the reports returned to us, over the last year approximately 650 professed Christ as Lord and Saviour through the showing of the film." Then he shows me reports from London, from Arkansas, from Danville, Illinois, from Alabama, from Detroit, showing how many were saved through the showing of this great Christian film.

The Christian Youth Cinema, Inc., says: "It would be impossible to list how many conversions have come through the film, 'Great Discovery,' as well as the number that have used it. We might state that of all the films we have in our Library, this film by far is the one film that moves continually. And everywhere the film has been shown, there have been souls saved."

And now let us close with a bit of Scripture. One motive ought to dominate every Christian. Oh, to reach men for Christ! To get people saved! Like Paul, we ought to say, "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; to them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (I Cor. 9:19-22).

My holy burden is "that I might by all means save some." So I use the means of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, so I get out books and pamphlets, so I preach on the radio, so I sing, so I hold revival campaigns. Let us get the Gospel out every way possible in order to save people!

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## Miracles of Science

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the ankle. Another membrane arises from the ankle, and extends between the hind legs, including the tail, if one is present.

This wing-membrane has drawn the leg outwards in a strange manner and the knee points, not forwards, but backwards.

A bat cannot stand up, and although it can alight on its resting place head upwards, and may remain fixed by its thumbs, the common position when at rest is head downwards, clinging by the well-clawed toes of one or both feet. A bat resting quietly on all fours has the knees turned upwards, and the elbows touching the knees—a quaint posture.

Bats can launch themselves into the air even from off the ground, and their flight is masterly. Contrary to a widely-held idea, bats have eyes which are small and poorly developed, not providing them with any considerable degree of sight. Yet, they are able to fly with amazing speed and cleverness, avoiding all kinds of obstacles in a room, diving under a couch, constantly looping the loop, indulging in sudden somersaults, and outdoors in rapid and noiseless motion capturing moths, gnats, and flying-beetles with unerring skill.

This animal can thread its way amid boughs of trees with a facility quite beyond its powers of sight, and does it with the greatest of ease even when the darkness is profound. In fact, it always seems to prefer darkness to light.

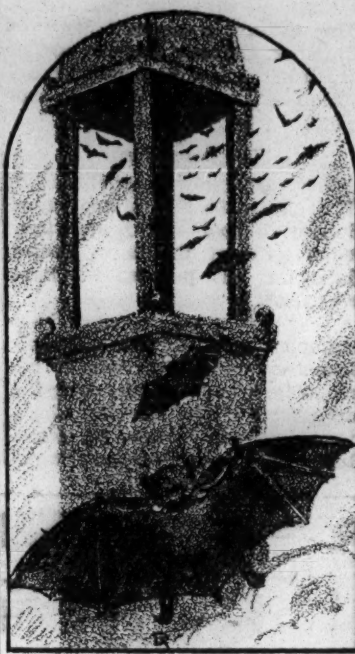
This curious power led to an interesting experiment, which has been repeated many times by curious investigators, to ascertain how the bat avoids collision with any impediments placed in its path, no matter how small or large or numerous.

The bats' eyes were temporarily sealed up, so as to render them quite blind, and then the bats were liberated in a chamber in which were suspended cloths with holes little bigger than the bat's body. Strings were stretched at short intervals all through the room in order to increase the difficulties.

Though deprived of sight, they flitted about without the least embarrassment, passing unerringly through the holes in the cloths, missing the strings with their flapping wings, turning corners at break-neck speed, and seeming to enjoy their phenomenal performance, even to finding crannies for concealment, when the fun was over.

The closing of the bats' ears seems to cause rather more difficulty, but even then their tortuous flight among the various obstructions was not greatly hindered. It is evident that in its nocturnal evolutions the bat is guided by some unknown power, scarcely less than a sixth sense, of which humans know nothing, and which probably lies in the exquisite nervous system of the wings. In fact, this seems to be a perfected form of radar.

With few exceptions bats love company and their number runs into the thousands and possibly millions under favorable circumstances. Probably the most remarkable bat cave in the world is in Texas, from which at night for two hours at a stretch a rapidly moving stream of bats will emerge—a veritable cloud of flying forms. The bats of northern countries,



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in the winter time, pass into a state of true hibernation, sinking into a complete coma, their breathing movements scarcely perceptible, and the heart beating about twenty-five times a minute. For their winter sleep they prefer a hollow tree, a corner of the church tower, an opening under the thatch of barns, or a crevice in a cave.

Ordinary bats give birth to one baby bat, occasionally two. One baby is about all a mother bat can manage. During nursing time (June until August) the young bat clings with its toes and thumbs to its mother's hair, its mouth to its mother's breast, the parent flitting and wheeling, glancing and doubling in rapid flight—business as usual! When the mother rests, she folds her wings around her child. The females live together in colonies apart from the males, until late autumn, when both sexes decide to be sociable—the time of pairing. There is an extraordinary fact here. Although pairing is in the autumn, the internal fertilization of the egg-cells does not occur until the following spring. One writer, commenting on this unusual feature, says: "Thus the disadvantage of having the young ones developing during the starvation hibernating period is avoided, and the carrying of the young before birth is reduced to a minimum. And then, this writer adds, 'NATURE'S WAYS ARE WONDROUS WISE.'"

There is no doubt that in the many astonishing features which have been described today there is evidence of marvelous wisdom. Man's explanation is that "Nature's ways are wondrous wise." However, this is not a satisfactory solution, unless we substitute the words "God, the Creator" for Nature. Then it makes sense.

I find in Paley's "Natural Theology," written sixty years ago, these words in an argument which still is unanswerable. He writes: "Design, if established, proves the Personality of the Deity, as distinguished from what is sometimes called Nature, or a Principle . . . That which can contrive, or design, must be a person. The seat of intelligence is a Person."

Now this is the argument I have been driving home in almost every talk, as you know. It is the only possible view to take, if we admit the inevitable logic of all the great mass of evidence uncovered before us. There is nothing of credulity in this idea. It cannot be called a figment of childish imagination. It is a wholly sane and intelligent conclusion. It is simply the result of applying the test given by God, Himself, in Romans 1:20:

"The invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and godhead; so that they are without excuse."

These are strong words. They must be heard and obeyed. The end of those who preferred to eject God from their consciousness was that "GOD GAVE THEM UP." This would be the most terrible

## The Ministry of Movies

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screen. Thousands who can never hope to go to a Christian college can learn of God through the marvels of modern science via sound motion pictures. Multiplied thousands can see and hear great Gospel teachers expound the Word of God, can see and hear Gospel music that thrills and blesses. Literally millions of non-church-going people have heard the Gospel preached in purity and power through a Gospel film shown on television.

We in the United States are indeed fortunate to have so many companies that produce Christian films to preach and promote the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### The Baptista Company

It is hardly too much to say that Baptista is the Moody of the Gospel movie ministry. When he began producing Gospel films, some Christian leaders were skeptical, some very critical, and others merely amused. He worked in makeshift studios with patched-up and inferior equipment. He not only produced simple Gospel films, but sold Christians on the idea of buying sound projectors on which they could show his films. Gradually he sold prejudiced people on the effective use of Gospel films. After the war, he secured top-quality equipment and today is not only producing films that are technically good, but has produced more Gospel films than any other company in America. The Baptista Company has approximately 100 sound films to offer the public, and literally anyone can afford to use these films. If any church or organization cannot afford the modest rental fee, they can use the films with the understanding that they will simply turn in the offering taken at the service. If one soul is saved, they need not even send in the offering!

Among the Baptista films are: "Pilgrim's Progress," a feature film in color, one hour long.

"That Kid Buck," a thirty-minute true story of a juvenile delinquent saved in a boys' camp. Many souls have been saved along with Buck, a tough, hardened, cynical young law-breaker who fights and bullies his way till he sees an example of Christian love and bravery that turns his heart to Christ.

"The Danger Trail," a thirty-three minute film in color that is fascinating to young people, es-

judgment ever imagined—an eternal separation from God.

God gave to the bat many remarkable powers, after denying this life-form many of the capacities of other animals. At least they do not seem to be equipped to carry on without great difficulty; and yet, the first bat that appeared on the scene used the strange equipment with which it came into existence, and all the millions of descendants have been using them ever since.

Even parental love is given this unusual animal. The mother wraps herself around her helpless babe, and it is safe to say that this child experiences no fear when the strong hands enfold it.

How like our safety in Christ. He tells us in John 10:28, 29:

"I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand."

"My Father who gave them to me is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."

May I ask you again if you are conscious of this safety? As civilization crashes, the omnipotent hand of our Lord is the only Refuge which gives us security. Will you, if you have not already done so, make sure of Heaven? There's no other name given among men, whereby we may be saved but the name of Jesus Christ. With that name on our lips and in our hearts, we have immediate access to God and may call Him Father. Until we link up with Jesus, God is nothing more than Creator. What is He to you today?

— THE END —

pecially. Made on the Bill Rice Ranch, there are beautiful horses, a cattle drive, running horses, and a blazing six-gun! An illustrated sermon-type film with me preaching. In Chattanooga alone, this film is shown five times a week, and has never been shown yet without conversions.

"When God Is Deaf" and "Come Unto Me," two sermon-type films with Dr. John R. Rice, famous editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, doing the preaching. Each is thirty minutes long, each is full of Scripture. Each is aimed at immediate and direct results. Each is a sermon that has been used in great city-wide revival campaigns all over America.

"The Man Who Forgot God" "Power of the Blood" "Christ and the Kingdom" series with Walter Wilson.

And many, many others. Also available are wonderful missionary films such as "Light in the Jungle," and "Air Mail From God."

### Bible Institute of Los Angeles

Among other Gospel films produced by BIOLA are the wonderful missionary films presented by Dr. Louis T. Talbot taken on his trips around the world. These films, all made in color, are intensely interesting, informative, and challenging. Heathen worship and religious rites of foreign lands—their "holy men," lepers, splendid temples, ancient cities, ceremonial dances, and the Gospel triumphs make these films tremendously important. Some of these films, each approximately thirty minutes long, are:

"India's Sorrow" "I Saw Petra" "Siam" "I Saw Borneo" "Four Thousand Miles Up the Amazon" "They Wait for Peace"

### Billy Graham's Films

Produced by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Films, Inc., these fall into two types. The long feature-length films in full color are "Mr. Texas" and "Oiltown, U.S.A." "Mr. Texas" is the story of a cowboy who always dreamed of becoming a man of wealth and renown, but who spent his time chasing rainbows. "Oiltown, U.S.A." is the story of a rich and powerful oil magnate whose tyranny in business was only equalled by his love for his only daughter. Both films have a Billy Graham revival campaign for the background. These films are available to the general public only through men on Graham's staff.

There is also a series of short films made for "The Hour of Decision" T-V broadcast. These films are available on a rental basis, and make it possible for multiplied thousands to see and hear the Billy Graham team who might not otherwise ever be privileged to do so. These films include such subjects as "Loneliness," "Happiness," "The Challenge of Missions," "Things God Cannot Do,"

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"Storms of Life," "Lost!" "Why Go to Church," and many others. I have seen most of these films and, needless to say, they are sound, sane, scriptural presentations of the Gospel. There are also wonderful films on the London Campaign which are available.

### Concordia Films

Concordia has produced thirteen of the finest Gospel films you will ever see. These films, incidentally, were originally produced for television and are now being shown on 230 television stations across the country. In the recent Second Annual TV Film Program and Talent Awards Poll conducted by THE BILLBOARD, entertainment industry weekly published in Cincinnati, they were voted the "Best Non-Network Religious Film Series" of the year. This is all the more remarkable because these films were not even printed on the ballot sheet, but had to be written in!

The films are in black and white, thirty minutes long, and are stories about the Fisher family. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, his father, and their grown-up daughter, teenage son, and adolescent boy in a typical small town. They face the same problems as any normal American family, but they settle all their problems on a Christian basis that is uplifting and inspiring. Scripturally, the films are as sound as sound can be.

One of the films is "The Little Lie That Grew." Little Freddy told grandfather he had not touched his stamp collection. It was a lie but such a small one it seemed harmless since he really had not hurt the collection. But when it was discovered that one stamp was missing, police were called in, and an innocent man was suspected, Freddy began to realize how one little lie can grow into a serious matter. He finally confessed his sin and was forgiven.

"What Is a Christian?" is the story of a business man who set out to win five other business men to Christ. But the very first man he contacted asked him point-blank just what it was to be a Christian and why that was more desirable than being a member of any good organization. The visitor was stumped and finally Mr. Fisher explains to him just what it means to be a Christian.

"Money for the Master" is the touching story of a rich landlord and his poorest tenant. He could not increase his giving to the church because his wife wanted to spend hundreds of dollars redecorating their lovely home in honor of a daughter's marriage. The tenant, a poor widow who had broken her arm and therefore could not work, prayed for means to increase her offerings. How her problem was solved and how he was awakened to the responsibility of Christian giving makes a wonderful story.

"The Neighbor Next Door" is a story of the neighbor next door, his broken fence and runaway dog. The story of sharp misunderstanding, a threatened lawsuit and how the entire matter was settled on Christian principles that brought the entire matter to a wonderfully happy conclusion.

Other titles are:

"The Cheat"  
"A Little Child Shall Lead Them"  
"The Way He Should Go"  
"The Jealous Heart"  
"A Christian in Politics"  
"Invitation to the Wedding"  
"The Family Altar"  
"The Happy Heart"  
"Til Death You Do Part"

Each of these films is wonderfully produced. Each one is based upon Scripture with Bible quotations freely used. Each one has a dramatic, heart-stirring climax. These films are absolutely tops in

their field. The entire "This is the Life Series" or individual films may be secured on a rental basis.

### Conservative Baptist

The Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society has produced several fine missionary films, I understand. I have seen only one of them. It is a film entitled, "Ebony in Ivory." This dramatically shows the preparation and ministry of a young missionary couple and their children. You see them as they do deputation work in various churches to raise support. Then you go with them to Europe where they must study the language and colonization plan of the country in which they are preparing to work. You see their arrival by boat, the unloading of the cargo, the greeting of veteran missionaries already on the field, the long ride in the dilapidated truck to the mission station, and further preparation and study of native customs and languages on the field. Here is a film that really tells what the score is in missionary work.

### Evangel Films

"The Missing Christians," a feature-length film in color, is still one of the most effective soul-winning films in America. It is the graphic story of Christians missing during the rapture, and the bewilderment and consternation of those who are left behind. True to the Bible, not fanciful nor flighty. Literally hundreds of souls have been saved through the use of this splendid film.

Evangel Films also made "Contrary Winds," another feature-length film. This is the story of a fine young man who was called to the foreign mission field but who fell in love with and married a beautiful but worldly girl. The story of their marriage, his moral deterioration, and what she learned one wild night from a godly lighthouse keeper makes a thrilling story and carries a powerful Gospel message.

Evangel Films has also made some shorter productions. "Basket of Blessing" is the tender, touching story of how an older brother was firmly convinced that the story of the little lad whose loaves and fishes fed a multitude really was true.

### Gospel Films, Inc.

"The Great Light" is a feature-length film that tells the story of a German lad's conversion. This young man in postwar Germany, working long hours a day to support his widowed mother, embittered by poverty, is approached by a member of the communist underground. He is taken in by unscrupulous men who get him a good-paying job, and life seems to go much more smoothly until he is brought face to face with the issue—shall he serve Christ or communism? Many of the scenes are laid in an ancient German castle. The story is based upon an actual experience of Reinhold Barth who is carrying on an active evangelistic ministry in Germany today.

This company has also produced a splendid missionary picture, "Regions Beyond"; "Betrayed," a film on juvenile delinquency; and others.

### International Evangelism

This is the company that produced "Banderilla," the thrilling story of the suppression of the Gospel in Franco's Spain, and the persecution of those who are saved and their testimony. This company also made the cinemagic 3D film, "The Burning Answer."

### Living Word Films

"The Dreyer Story" is the latest film produced by this company, and it is a splendid film. In color, it is thirty-eight minutes in length. It is the true life story of Theodore Dreyer. The film begins with Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Dreyer at their golden wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren with them to celebrate the happy occasion. The film then flashes back to review Dreyer's life. A headstrong and willful young man, he got a job with older men who sent him out for beer every day. Little by little he

acquired a taste for the intoxicant and was a drunkard by the time he reached manhood. The admonition of his father, the broken heart of his mother, and the consternation of his brother; his life as a drunkard and spendthrift who repented of his sins and gave his heart to God while supposedly on his deathbed; his marriage and changed life that has made him such a living testimony to his neighbors and friends—all of this is in "The Dreyer Story." This is a film that deserves to be widely shown. It would be especially effective, I believe, at temperance meetings and to groups of young people.

### Memphis Union Mission

"Skid Row Stopgap" tells the eight-year story of the Memphis Union Mission, a rescue mission in Memphis, Tennessee. A typical drunkard is picked up from the gutter, given a good meal, a bath, and a decent night's rest in a comfortable bed. He is finally brought to God through the ministry of Jimmy Stroud, the mission superintendent. The film also shows how the mission helps wayward girls by winning them to Christ and helping them in their new life.

### Moody Bible Institute

"The Stones Cry Out" is the latest presentation of the Moody Bible Institute. From a technical standpoint, MBI has always produced films of unexcelled quality. This film, too, is beautifully made. More than that, it has a strong, convincing Bible message that should convict sinners and turn many to Christ.

It is a narration-type film with Dr. William Culbertson, godly president of MBI. The theme of this film is fulfilled Bible prophecy. The stones that cry out include the Golden Gate of Jerusalem. This gate, closest to the site of Solomon's temple, is closed and waiting, according to Scripture, for the coming of the King. Other stones that cry out are found in Petra, the rose red city half as old as time! "You'll stand on its eagle-swept heights where only the vultures mourn the hideous heathen ritual that prompted God, through Obadiah, to foretell the fall of this once great center of commerce." Other stones that cry out are found in the ruins of Babylon. It was here that words were written on a palace wall which said, "God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it."

This film has the strongest Gospel message, a warning of judgment, of any film the Moody Bible Institute has ever produced. It is fervently hoped that Dr. Culbertson will play a strong part in the making of other similar films.

Other "Sermons from Science" films produced by the Institute are

"God of Creation"  
"Voice of the Deep"  
"Dust or Destiny"

### New Life Films

"Call of the Navajo" is one of the finest Gospel films I have ever seen. Here, in rich color, is the story of a young Navajo boy, the son of a sheep herder. The story of how he rescued his pet lamb from a coyote and from a flash flood is thrilling. And the way the missionary used this very devotion to tell the boy of the Lamb of God is certainly touching.

### Pocket Testament League, Inc.

"Operation Orient." This is the story of the wonderful work the Pocket Testament League is doing among the Asiatics on the island of Formosa, in Korea, etc. See troops of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek eagerly receive pocket Testaments as they march on war maneuvers. You will see great throngs of people eagerly receiving the Gospel tracts and Testaments, great crowds who come to hear the preaching of the New Testament evangelists. Made in color.

### Providence-Barrington Bible College

"Revolt in Berlin" is produced by this college. It is filmed against the background of revolt that flared in East Berlin by angry mobs defying Russian machine guns on June 17 of last year. Actual pictures of the mob violence are shown. The plot involves a young reporter who goes to Berlin to cover the riots. There

he and a former acquaintance, a lovely girl stenographer, work together getting information and taking pictures for his article. The climax is reached when a Christian German woman defies death because of her unselfish devotion to Christ in a tragic moment.

### Scripture Press

This company specializes in films useful for the promotion of Sunday School work, and they make some of the finest Gospel films for this purpose we have ever seen.

"God's Acre of Diamonds," for example, is the story of a Sunday School superintendent who is being transferred by his company and selects a hard-working Christian gentleman to take his place. But Herb Hanson just isn't inter-

ested. He wants to do something that is more practical, that produces real results. The superintendent then takes him on a tour of the thriving Sunday School, showing him methods that are being used, how little ones are being taught, how lives are being

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changed. Before the visit is over, Hanson realizes that the Sunday School is really "God's acre of diamonds"—a place of glittering opportunity right in his own back yard! Other films by Scripture Press are, "Stars in Your Crown," and "Doorways to Decision." These are all in black and white, approximately twenty minutes in length, and each has to do with the Sunday School.

### Taylor University

"Angel in Ebony" is the true life story of Sammy Morris. I read this story as a young man and it greatly blessed my life. Sammy Morris was an African prince who was saved in the jungles of Africa, made his way across the waters to America, went to Taylor University. So filled with the Spirit was he that he transformed the lives of everyone with whom he came in contact and the course of Taylor University was altered. "Ted" Engstrom, Executive Director of Youth for Christ International, says about this film, "The production is magnificent, beautifully

filmed, a story without parallel."

### Unusual Films

These are the striking productions of Bob Jones University.

Unusual Films really are! These films may be obtained on a rental or long lease basis. Every one of them is of the highest type. The photography is unexcelled, as are the script and manner of presentation.

"Heavenly Harmonies" and "Vesper Melodies" are, in my judgment, the finest musical programs on sound film to be found anywhere. Unusual lighting effects, unusual musical arrangements, lovely girls in beautiful attire, manly young fellows who join them in glorious song. Vocal numbers, choral numbers, orchestral numbers and poems. My two cow-boy-crazy sons who eat, sleep, and breathe cowboys and Indians were with me when I reviewed these films on the ranch, and they not only sat spellbound, but begged to see them again! This is not only music at its best—it is music at its very best.

Then there is "Miracle," the

true story of Joe Parelli. Perhaps he was the Liberator of his day until he fell into sin, became a drunken bum, and outcast, talent ruined, character wrecked, family crushed. The story of his redemption is soul-stirring—a powerful testimony to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then there are the sermons of Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. "Light of the World" and "You Can't Win," two of the great sermons that have been preached in person to multiplied thousands of people from coast to coast.

As everyone knows, Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., is a talented Shakespearean actor. This ability, along with everything else this man has, has been dedicated to Christ. His acting technique has been employed in the filming of a great Gospel sermon, "Pound of Flesh." It is a sermon on law and grace. After presenting the great Gospel truth, Dr. Bob introduces the wonderful courtroom scene from Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice." He then turns to pass through a door at his back. The camera shifts to the other side of the door and Dr. Bob enters, dressed as Shylock; and the dramatic courtroom scene is acted out. The film is thirty minutes long, is in black and white and in color.

"Macbeth" is a full-length color production of Shakespeare's tragedy, "Macbeth." I was amazed at the gorgeous costumes and the tremendous sets, worthy of a Hollywood professional studio. The cast gives an unexcelled performance.

To introduce the play, Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., makes a scriptural application, emphasizing the fact that Macbeth's sins found him out and presenting the plan of salvation.

### World Vision, Inc.

Featuring the Bob Pierce films, World Vision, Inc., has made "38th Parallel," "This Gathering Storm," "The Flame,"

"The New China Challenge," all beautifully done in color. Each one with a well worked-out plot that holds together the scene emphasizing missionary need among the Asiatic peoples.

These pictures are made with professional skill and do have a strong missionary challenge that will be helpful to any religious congregation. There are many scenes of conditions at the battle fronts, scenes of destruction, poverty, need, and scenes of how Christian people are meeting some of these needs.

Vision, Incorporated  
This organization, under the

direction of Clay Cooper—a young man who always keeps his suitcase packed!—has produced such films as "New Horizons," "The Cry of the Orient," "Operation in Indo-China," "Jahangal, Your African Safari," etc.

These pictures are recent, first-hand, up-to-date, and follow one another with characteristic excellence. The Vision, Inc., films have justly earned a unique reputation among missionary films. Not only is the photography good, but the pictures really have a message for our hearts as well as interest for our eyes; and they have a missionary appeal at the end that really produces the missionary results for which they are intended.

### Gospel Film Distributors

A number of companies are doing a valuable ministry through the distribution of good, sound Gospel films. These companies actually are rental libraries and handle virtually all of the best Gospel films.

### Century Gospel Ministries

This is such a company. This company handles films of the major Gospel producers, among which are "Great Discovery," "Shelter in the Cumberland," "The Great Light," "The Call of the Navajo," "Miracle," "Empty Shoes," "The Danger Trail," and many others.

### Christian Youth Cinema

In their catalog is to be found the Billy Graham "Hour of Decision" series, "Sunday on the Range" (featuring Redd Harper, Tim Spencer, etc.), "Contrary Winds," and many, many others.

### Trinity Films

Trinity Films, Inc., also handle rental films which may be secured for a single showing or a series of Gospel services.

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the foundations thereof be strongly laid" (Ezra 6:3).

I understand that when they constructed the mighty Empire State Building in metropolitan New York, the world's tallest building which sold recently for \$51,500,000, the engineers insisted on digging down five stories into the earth until they reached solid rock. They were determined to have a 'good' foundation. It is the same with any building of value; the foundation is vitally important.

The Lord Jesus laid special stress upon steadfast, secure foundations when He said:

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."—Matt. 7:24-27.

When it comes to "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3), the foundation is one already laid which cannot be changed or altered. First Corinthians 3:11 declares, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." The Church, which is His body, is "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone" (Eph. 2:20).

WHAT ARE THE FOUNDATIONS OF 'THE FAITH' NOW UNDER ATTACK?

Certainly one of the most important, with which all the rest stand or fall, is the deity of Jesus Christ! Immediately our mind is called to Matthew 16:15-18, where Christ questioned His disciples:

"But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The truth embodied in Peter's declaration of faith, that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," is of utmost importance. It is "the rock" upon which our entire faith is built. Perhaps it would be safe to say that this is the most important single truth of Christianity. To tear down this claim would most certainly be destroying the foundations of our faith. Over and over in sacred Scripture this fact is emphasized. Jesus Christ is Almighty God!

Equally important is the foundation truth that the Bible, a holy collection of sixty-six books by some forty-odd writers, is the infallible, inspired, complete Word of the Living God! If this foundation crumbles nothing is sure, nothing is certain. Without this cornerstone it would be absolutely impossible for men to determine what is true and what is false.

Then there is the foundational truth wrapped up in the literal, physical, bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. First Corinthians 15:14-19 puts it this way:

"If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

If this foundation is faulty: (1) the Gospel has no good news, no dynamic saving power; (2) our faith is vain, we trust in nothing; (3) the Bible is false and cannot be trusted: its writers, either deceived dupes or deliberate liars; (4) we are still in our sins and will always thusly be bound; (5) we are of all men most miserable, most to be pitied. If the resurrection is not true we have no living, loving, interceding Advocate seated at the right hand of the Majesty on High.

But no writer dares suggest essential foundation truths of the faith without mentioning the blood atonement: the sacrificial salvation provided by Jesus Christ on the cross! Whenever the blood of Christ goes out of the Bible, salvation is taken out! Every thinking Bible-believer is compelled to confess with Edward Mote: (1) My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

THESE FOUNDATIONS ARE UNDER ATTACK

Look again at verses 2 and 3 of our text: "For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily [literally, 'in darkness'] shoot at the upright in heart. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Never were these words prophetically more true and applicable than in our generation. The wicked have bent their bows and shot their arrows at the heart of Christian truth in demoniacal efforts to destroy the foundations.

The foundations of our faith are under attack from without! Infidels on the outside of the Church

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are zealously leveling their guns upon the things "most surely believed" (Luke 1:1) down through the ages by the Church. Newspapers habitually present

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fundamentalism in a poor light in the public eye. The feats of snake-handlers, poison-drinkers, and even polygamists are displayed with banner headlines on front pages as the acts of "Bible-believers" and "fundamentalist sects." Evolution is exalted, absurd claims are glorified, things go as long as it seems beneficial in dragging the Scripture from its rightful throne.

The radio, the movies, the popular television programs all join in joking about these foundations! Script writers long ago discovered that the loudest laughs are gained from a humorous story putting holy things in a bad light.

Organized atheistic groups spew their hostility openly on every front. Popular writers of past and present such as H. G. Wells, Thomas Paine, Voltaire, Bob Ingersoll, Renan, John Dewey and Charles Darwin unashamedly have launched vicious bombardments through poisonous pens.

### I. Communists In All Out Attack on Fundamentals of Christian Faith

Poets like Langston Hughes find wide circulations for blasphemous productions such as, "Goodbye, Christ"! Incidentally, an official government report states, (2) "If

there is any doubt in your mind as to the vicious and blasphemous propaganda communists are using against religion, then go to your public library and read a typical example of it entitled 'Goodbye, Christ,' by Langston Hughes. It is so atrocious that we will not reproduce it here, but even so, it is mild compared to the atheist propaganda in Moscow."

Nor can we ignore this attack of communism, a mad religion all of its own which, while atheistic in principle, nonetheless worships at the shrine of materialism. Earl Browder, former head of the Communist Party in the United States, declared, (3) "...we communists do not distinguish between good and bad religions, because we think they are all bad..." Again he stated, (4) "...By going among the religious masses, we are for the first time able to bring our anti-religious ideas to them." And still again he boasted, (5) "We stand without any reservations for education that will root out beliefs in the supernatural, that will remove the religious prejudices which stand in the way of organizing the masses for socialism, that will withdraw the special privileges of religious institutions..."

William Z. Foster, present head of the Communist Party in the United States, replying under oath to the Fish Committee Chairman's question, "Does your party advocate the abolition and destruction of religious beliefs?", stated, (6) "Our party considers religion to be the opium of the people, as Karl Marx has stated, and we carry on propaganda for that liquidation of these prejudices among the workers."

Showing how far they have advanced along this line, Dr. J. B. Matthews, noted communist authority, began his article in *The American Mercury*, "Reds and Our Churches," with the words, (7) "The largest single group supporting the communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergymen."

Writing another article entitled, "Communism and the Protestant Clergy," for another national magazine, Dr. Matthews declared, (8) "Nevertheless, I say for the record: A majority of all the large and influential communist-front organizations of the past 17 years have been headed by Protestant clergymen, a documented fact not heretofore revealed. This one fact

speaks volumes.... In communist strategy, maximum efforts are made to infiltrate any group as influential as the Protestant clergymen. One clergyman would be worth as much to the communist cause as a carload of rank-and-file union members."

Again he states, (9) "In its issue of July 5, 1953, the Communist *Daily Worker* boastfully proclaimed that 'religious leaders have been more receptive to the amnesty appeal than leaders of any other single group.' Ordinarily, this journalistic mouthpiece of the Kremlin conspiracy may be taken with a very large grain of salt, but in this particular instance, objective analysis supports the paper's assertion." The 'amnesty appeal' referred to was the National Committee to Win Amnesty for the Smith Act Victims. The Smith Act is officially known as the Alien Registration Act and is aimed at checking subversive activities.

The California Senate Investigating Committee on Education, after listing several pages of signers of an 'Open Letter' to Congressional candidates condemning the McCarran Act, commented, (10) "...The Communist Party, as has previously been noted, is directing its major efforts toward infiltrating education and religion..."

Former Congressman Thomas L. Blanton, who represented Texas so nobly for 20 years in Washington, wrote: (11) "The Seventh Congress of the Communist International in Moscow on August 1, 1953, instructed its members of Young Communist Leagues throughout the world, to 'bore from within' and 'fight for influence' and to 'join all types of youth organizations, including those conducted by religious bodies.'"

Commenting on the World Council of Churches, of which the National Council of Churches is the American representative, *Time* magazine noted, (12) "A case in point is Prague University's Dr. Joseph Hromadka, who sounded to many like a communist apologist in the 1948 World Council meetings in Amsterdam and at similar meetings since. *Hromadka is Russia's man. He has been and will be.*" Incidentally, Dr. C. T. Chao, who turned out to be a dedicated supporter of Mao Tse-tung's communist regime in China, was elected by this same World Council as one of their original presidents! And Hromadka is on the Council's central governing committee!

Herbert A. Philbrick, author of *I Led Three Lives* and for nine years a spy in a Boston 'cell' for the FBI, emphasized this same truth in his article, "The COMMUNISTS Are After YOUR Church!" Wrote Mr. Philbrick: (13) "Whether your church is a city cathedral or a village meeting house, the communists are out to get it.... For nine years I was a volunteer counterspy for the FBI, observing and participating in communist strategy from the grassroots to high levels. And.... I know that the communist threat to your church is greater now than at any time in twenty years. I know how the Reds have planted secret communists in pulpits, how they have infiltrated seminaries, how they 'use' good and unsuspecting Protestants, Catholics and Jews they have duped."

Widely read Texas columnist, Lynn Landrum, commented: (14) "Bishop Oxnham himself is busy denouncing McCarthyism for its attack on the church. But it was not McCarthy but J. B. Matthews who said there were 7,000 clergymen who have in one way and another aided and abetted the communist conspiracy in this country. And Dr. Matthews has a card index of 7,933 names to back it up. The Columnator has several thousand in his own files."

Last fall Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary and Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., issued a statement to the two-and-a-half million Presbyterians under him. This 'Letter to Presbyterians Concerning the Present Situation in our Country and in the World' was released by the General Council of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Almost immediately a (15) lieutenant commander in the U. S. Naval

Reserve, who had received "extensive training and experience in the recognition of propaganda which gives aid and comfort to the enemy" during World War II, wrote "An Analysis of the Presbyterian General Council's Letter as a Propaganda Document," showing the amazing element of Russian Communist propaganda therein. Still later, a distinguished "Who's Who" clergyman, writing in one of America's most respected secular magazines, observed that Dr. Mackay's statement contained no less than twenty-five (16) "sentences or paragraphs (with) the exact sentiment and, in several instances, the exact language" found in two earlier issues of the communist *Cominform Journal*. Concerning the latter he explains, (17) "This material, printed in twenty-seven languages, is sent to all communist and 'fellow-traveler' journals, as well as to individuals throughout the world."

Manning Johnson, former Communist party leader in the United States, now a Baptist, testified: (18) "It was determined (by the Kremlin) that it would be necessary to concentrate communist agents in the seminaries and Divinity schools. The plan was to make the seminaries the neck of a funnel through which thousands of potential clergymen would issue forth. In the early 1930's, the communists instructed thousands of their members to rejoin their ancestral religious groups, and to operate in cells designed to take control of churches for communist purposes. Communists learned that the clergyman under their control served as a useful 'respectable face' for most of their front activities. Religion was used to spearhead the odious plots. It is a communist axiom that an infiltrated body with 1 per cent members, and 9 per cent sympathizers, can control the remaining 90 per cent." Thus we see a sampling of the communist efforts to get within the Church for the purpose of destroying it.

But the attacks by various groups from without the Church do not especially alarm us. All down through the years in the march of centuries Satan's persecutions from without have failed repeatedly. The blood of the martyrs consistently has proven to be the seed of the Church and the greater the opposition, the more glorious the triumphs!

The most deadly attacks upon the foundations come from within! Infidels on the inside of the Church have joined hands with the outside opposition to destroy our "more sure word of prophecy" (II Pet. 1:19). Even the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism gleefully chuckled, (19) "They are saving the ship of Christianity by throwing her cargo overboard. With what zeal the Fosdicks and Shailer Mathews and the whole crew of rescuers toss out.... the Virgin Birth, Atonement, and the Resurrection. How long will men sail the seas in an empty ship? They will go ashore and enjoy life with the atheists. We welcome the aid of the modernists and pledge them our fullest cooperation in ridding the world.... of any serious acceptance of Christian theology."

Modernism and false cults, while only a part of the true Church in pretense (II Cor. 11:13-15), are making vicious assaults on the foundations from within.

### II. Modern Infidels In Churches Are Attacking the Deity of Christ!

Dr. Edwin Ewart Aubrey, president of Crozer Seminary, asking if Jesus "is really God," replied, (20) "To this one can but say that he is not the Creator who made heaven and earth, nor is he all of God."

Henry J. Cadbury, one of the Revised Standard Version translators, politely called Christ a liar by saying, (21) "He was given to overstatements...." Waxing still more boldly in another book, he declared, (22) "A psychology of God, if that is what Jesus was, is not available." Later he wrote, (23) "It is particularly dangerous to stress the terms of Jesus," and announce that God was (24) "not in the foreground of Jesus' thinking, but in the background."

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Federal Council of Churches and Methodist Bishop of the New York area, wrote, (25) "Is not this tendency to deify Jesus more heathen than Christian? Are we not most truly Christian when we cut loose from a heathen propensity and take Jesus simply for the character that he was and for the ideal that he is?"

Dr. George A. Buttrick, another past president of the National-Federal Council, went so far as to wonder, (26) "if God there be."

Theology professor Paul W. Schmiedel, writer of the article on Christ's resurrection in the *Encyclopedia Biblica*, wrote, (27) "My religion does not require me to find in Jesus an *absolutely perfect model*, and it would not trouble me if I found another person who excelled him, as indeed, in some respects, *some have already done*. Convinced as I am that he was human, if another should have more to offer me than he had, I should consider this simply another instance of God's bounty and favour."

To this agreed Dr. J. W. Nixon, theology professor at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, who wrote, (28) "We shall not bandy words about the finality of Christ . . . The field is open for anyone at any time to mean more to men than Jesus has meant . . . He was the child of his people and his time."

Harry Emerson Fosdick, one of the world's best known modernist-infidels, has been unrelentless in his attacks upon Christ's deity. The author of a sermon called, "The Peril of Worshipping Jesus," he wrote, (29) "To say therefore that God was in Christ seems to me no theological puzzle at all. I think God was in my mother, the source of the loveliness that blessed us there!" In other words, Christ was no more God than was Mrs. Fosdick!

In another book he said of the expression "Jesus is God": (30) "That statement alone is not orthodoxy; it is *heresy*." Writing in a Presbyterian publication he declared, (31) "Nobody should go to Jesus, to the manger and the cross, to find the omnipotence which swings Orion and the Pleiades." Again he said, (32) "the world has tried in two ways to get rid of Jesus: first, by crucifying him, and second by worshipping him . . . He did not fear being opposed; he feared being worshipped."

Dr. Albert W. Palmer, long president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, wrote, (33) "You may decide that the evidence for the virgin birth is so slender that it is imperative for you to think of Jesus as born like all the rest of us, of two human parents. *Personally, I should welcome that conclusion . . .*"

Dr. Henry Pitney Van Dusen, president of the Union Theological Seminary which was described as (34) "a hot-bed of red radicalism" and where the (35) head of the Communist Party once spoke, declared, (36) "It is mistaken to claim that in Jesus, the whole Being of God was present, that God's purpose was fully expressed through Him." Incidentally, Dr. Van Dusen, in speaking of communists among the clergy, recently made the amazing statement that the (37) "extreme right . . . is the more dangerous" than the "extreme left."

Dr. John C. Bennett, a theology professor in the same seminary, concluded, (38) "The mystery of human freedom and divine initiative is no different in the case of Christ from what it is in the case of *all men*."

Dr. Hornell Hart, popular National-Federal Council leader, wrote in an ultra-liberal magazine, (39) "To pretend that the historic Nazarene was perfect is to deny the Christ in order to glorify Jesus."

Dr. Wesner Fallaw, speaking at the March 1944 annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education (producers of the Revised Standard Version), is quoted as saying, (40) "We want youth to view Jesus as God's principal revelation of his nature. *Jesus is not God, nor another god; nor yet the only revelation we*

have of God . . . To my mind, *one of the major faults with orthodoxy has always been the practice of confusing God with Jesus*. We still have much to do in deleting from the prayers, hymns and certain textbooks used with children, evidences of Christ-worship."

Cecil G. Fielder, a missionary out under the American (Northern) Baptist Convention, stated, (41) "Jesus definitely disclaimed any intention of placing Himself on a level with God the Father."

Douglas Clyde MacIntosh, in his famous Calcutta lectures, summarized up the philosophy of modernism when he said, (42) "The Jesus of Christian tradition must die that He may live . . . The trappings of an ancient and outworn Christology . . . insofar as it is outworn . . . must be cast aside that the true Jesus of history may be clothed anew in robes of religious appreciation and interpretation which will better befit Him in the exalted place He is to occupy in the world of modern thought and life and, particularly in the universal religion of the future."

## III. False Cults Join Modernists in Denying Deity of Christ

Joining the so-called "modernists" in their attack upon the deity of Christ are a multitudinous host of false cults and sects. For example, Unity boasts that they believe (43) "not only in the divinity of Jesus, but in the divinity of every man in the Mind of Being," which is another way of denying that He is very God of very God. In the same article they stated, "man's one mission is to demonstrate his divinity in the midst of humanity as did Jesus." Even earlier they had written, (44) " . . . our origin is of God and therefore divine just as much as Jesus."

The so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses" make an attack upon the deity of Christ the focal point of their whole system. With a philosophy which makes the Father "God Almighty" and Jesus Christ "a god," they reject the doctrine of the Trinity and any sensible terminology of deity for Christ. "Judge" J. R. Rutherford, successor of "Pastor" C. T. Russell as head of the movement, wrote, (45) " . . . Jesus could not be part God and part man . . ." Again he wrote, (46) "Jehovah God is supreme, and Christ Jesus is his Chief Officer . . ." Later in the same book he explains, (47) "The Lord Jesus Christ is the great Executive Officer of Jehovah God . . ." Russell himself wrote, (48) " . . . Our Lord Jesus Christ is a God . . . still the united voice of the Scriptures must emphatically assert that there is but one Almighty God, the Father of all."

Mormon Apostle O. Hyde declared, (49) "We say it was Jesus Christ who was married at Cana to the Marys and Martha whereby He could see His seed before He was crucified." And Brigham Young, Joe Smith's successor as head of the cult, emphatically declared, (50) "When the Virgin Mary conceived the child Jesus . . . He was NOT begotten by the Holy Ghost."

Spiritualism, so-called, is another enemy of Christ's deity. They claim (51) "Jesus had defects and imperfections . . . He was a simple Jewish enthusiast and religious reformer, foolishly supposing Himself to be the Messiah, thereby coming to an untimely death."

But what saith the Scriptures in the light of these attacks? "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20). Let's take a look at the Book!

Call Jesus, Christ Himself to the witness stand and hear His testimony: "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). Even old Satan would have a difficult time trying to make that mean anything but a claim of equality with the Father. If the Father is God, Christ is God; They are one. Again He said, "All men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father" (John 5:23).

Call the Father to the witness stand! "Let all the angels of God

worship him . . . Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever" (Heb. 1:6, 8).

Listen to the testimony of Isaiah, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6).

Call John, the disciple of love, to the witness chair! "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). And concerning the purpose of his Gospel, "These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31).

Bring Thomas, the noted doubter, to the stand! Hear him convincingly cry, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28). Then note in the next verse our Lord's acknowledgement and affirmation of the declaration of His deity, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (Vs. 29).

Call the great Apostle Paul to the stand and listen to his testimony! "Looking for the blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). Hear him again as he declares, "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Col. 2:9).

Let us sum up the irrefutable testimony for the defense of Christ's deity with His own words regarding belief in that truth. Said He, "Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:23, 24).

## IV. Modernists Attack the Infallible Inspiration of the Bible

The second attack from within is centered upon the inspiration of the Word of God. Here it seems that infidels in religious circles have endeavored to vie with one another in leading the assault. One of the most notorious slanders was that of Dr. George A. Buttrick, when he wrote (52) "Literal infallibility of Scripture is a fortress impossible to defend: there is treason in the camp. Probably few people who claim to 'believe every word of the Bible' really mean it. That avowal held to its last logic would risk a trip to the insane asylum." And again he declared, (53) "We should frankly admit the bankruptcy of 'literal infallibility,' and, under guidance of the facts, set out on the long hard quest for truth."

Even the modernists have been compelled to confess, (54) "The God of the fundamentalist is one God; the God of the modernist is another. The Christ of the fundamentalist is one Christ; the Christ of modernism is another. *The Bible of fundamentalism is one Bible; the Bible of modernism is another.*"

Nels F. S. Ferre told the Texas Christian University and the Southern Baptist Seminary ministerial students, (55) "Many of us cannot honestly accept the unintelligent use made of the Bible by many who profess to love it the most . . . Obviously the Bible is not of one cloth. To think so is to blind our minds and dull our spiritual sensitivity." He stated further, (56) "We learned that the Bible can shut God out and confuse His face . . . We have passed through a stage of liberation. It has been, as far as civilization and even much of church life goes, a liberation from the Bible . . . We need now to be freed from the false use of the Bible." His view of inspiration is one which continues to the present hour. Said he, (57) "We cannot limit inspiration to the Bible . . . God wants to write *new and ever better* scriptures, both in life and in books. The Holy Spirit is no ancestor worshiper. God never closed the canon of Scripture . . . even now the Holy Spirit wants to write Gospels . . . Even now there can be letters written to the churches which speak with authority, and not as the Scribes." Do you agree that we need a "new and better"

Bible? I, for one, definitely do not!

Dr. E. G. Homrighausen, a Princeton Theological Seminary professor, wrote, (58) "Few intelligent Protestants still hold to the idea that the Bible is an infallible book; that it contains no linguistic errors, no historic discrepancies, no antiquated scientific assumptions, nor even bad ethical standards . . . The Bible contains much history, some of it faintly imbedded in age-old myths, folk tales, battle songs, camp fire recitals and the like."

Methodist Bishops G. Bromley Oxnam and William C. Martin (also the present President of the National-Federal Council), writing in a special Methodist booklet "reviewed by a Committee of The Council of Bishops," declared about the "verbal inspiration theory," (59) "this is far from doing justice to our faith concerning the Bible or to the way the Bible itself shows us how God revealed himself to man."

Dr. McGiffert announced, (60)

"We have learned, not to think of the Bible as the final and infallible authority and have come to see that there is no such authority and that we need none."

Dr. C. C. McGowan, New Testament professor at the Pacific School of Religion, is quoted as saying, (61) "The record of Jesus' life is entirely second hand and in many points untrustworthy. The fundamentalist theory of the

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## "If the Foundations . . . !"

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finality of the Biblical revelation can be satisfying to no person who thinks."

Professor J. B. Pratt of Williams daringly charges, (62) "The Bible has lost all hold on the leaders of thought and certainly is destined before many years to become one of the curiosities of the past. The inspiration of those who spoke a 'Thus saith the Lord' is of only a little higher type than that of the whirling dervishes and heathen medicine men."

Frederick C. Eiselen, a Revised Standard Version translator, wrote, (63) "Modern investigators . . . have marshalled too many facts to permit any longer the use of the Bible as an infallible guide in matters of service and history . . . The writers did the best of which they were capable under the intellectual limitations of the age in which they lived . . . (And) in matters of faith and conduct . . . the student soon discovers difficulties."

A Presbyterian Sunday School quarterly, discussing whether or not to believe Bible miracles, said, (64) "There is nothing in the stories themselves that implies that a person must literally believe every detail in order to be a good disciple of Jesus Christ . . . Note that this lesson does not require any given attitude toward

the resurrection of Jairus' little girl. You may believe or disbelieve that the Gospel story is a literal, exact account of what actually happened."

But Dr. Gerald Birney Smith spoke for all modernists when he said, (65) "The new doubt (modernism) flung down the gauntlet to the old Bible faith. No page of the Sacred Book remained unscrutinized. Only one certainty spread from this new doubt—the certainty that the Sacred Book was a human book. Therefore . . . the biblical canon as such had no right to rule over man. Man was the Book's judge; the Book was not man's judge. The Book must be measured by man's truth, man's conscience."

Along with modernism's attacks are those by false cults. New Thought declared about the Bible, (66) "Errors have crept in and omissions have occurred, until it is practically impossible to say with certainty what parts of the Bible can be accepted . . . The defects . . . make it impossible for us to accept the doctrine of verbal inspiration."

Christian Science declares, (67) "The material record of the Bible is no more important to our well-being than the history of Europe and America."

Unity insists, (68) "The things

which we have truly learned and been sure of are not written in any book . . . We had as well claim that the history of Columbus' discovery of America includes the creation of America, as to claim that Truth and the Scriptures are one."

The Mormons join in the cry of added revelation, saying, (69) "Thou fool, that shall say, A Bible, A Bible, we have got a Bible, and we need no more Bible . . . Wherefore murmur ye, because that ye shall receive more of my word?"

But what saith the Scriptures? Second Timothy 3:16, 17 insists, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Second Peter 1:19-21 declares, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

First Corinthians 2:10, 13 explains it, "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God . . .

Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

David declared, "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Ps. 119:89). And the Lord Jesus Christ added, "Verily I say unto you . . . Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:34, 35).

The late Dr. James H. Brookes declared that the expression, "Thus saith the Holy Spirit," or its equivalent, occurs in the Old Testament alone some two thousand times. Surely we have a God-breathed Book! Let the enemies of this impregnable rock hurl their most vicious thunderbolts and howl their vociferous threats—the Book still stands! As Dr. A. Z. Conrad wrote: (70)

"Century follows century—There it stands.  
Empires rise and fall and are forgotten—There it stands.  
Dynasty succeeds dynasty—There it stands.  
Kings are crowned and uncrowned—There it stands.  
Despised and torn to pieces—There it stands.  
Storms of hate swirl about it—There it stands.  
Agnostics smile cynically—There it stands.  
Profane, prayerless punsters caricature it—There it stands.  
Unbelief abandons it—There it stands.  
Thunderbolts of wrath smite it—There it stands.  
The flames are kindled about it—There it stands.  
The arrows of hate are discharged against it—There it stands.  
Radicalism rants and raves against it—There it stands.  
Fogs of sophistry conceal it temporarily—There it stands.  
The tooth of time gnaws but makes no dent—There it stands.  
Modernism tries to explain it away—There it stands.  
An anvil that has broken a million hammers—There it stands."

"The word of the Lord endureth for ever" (1 Pet. 1:25). "More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward" (Ps. 19:10, 11).

V. Infidels Within the Church Deny the Bodily Resurrection of Christ

Another malicious attack of the enemy within concerns the literal resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. Clarence T. Craig, another Revised Standard Version translator, wrote, (71) "It is to be remembered that there were no eyewitnesses of the resurrection of Jesus. No canonical gospel presumed to describe Jesus emerging from the tomb. The mere fact that a tomb was found to be empty was capable of many explanations. The very last one that would be credible to a modern man would be the explanation of a physical resurrection of the body."

Dr. Albert Palmer, president of Chicago Theological Seminary, wrote in an article appearing on the church page of a metropolitan newspaper the day before Easter, (72) "What was it that rose in the resurrection of Jesus? . . . It is the personality of Jesus that returns to His disciples, not the physical body."

Dr. Edgar J. Goodspeed, another Revised Standard Version translator, quotes Buttrick in his denial of the resurrection. Explains this modernist who also has his own translation of the Scriptures, (73) "That he is to be with them always, to the very end, shows that it is not as a physical presence that he has come back to them, but as a spiritual one. As Dr. Buttrick once put it, 'Their memory of him quickened to a presence.'" In other words, it was simply a case of the disciples' imagination running wild until it seemed to them that Christ was actually present. Sort of a hallucination!

Speaking of Dr. Buttrick, in one of his writings he discusses the problem of Christ's resurrection and concludes about what happened, (74) " . . . we do not know . . . Why pretend we do?" Then he adds the amazing statement that

he does "not wish to know. We suspect that life might be desperately prosaic, if we knew."

Millar Burrows, another of the Revised Standard Version translators, calls the biblical accounts of Christ's resurrection "confusing," and adds, (75) "It is impossible to construct from them a clear consistent story. As to what actually happened to the body of Jesus we may not be able to agree among ourselves."

Side by side with the modernists, you will find the attacks of the false cults. "Judge" J. R. Rutherford, of the so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses," wrote in a book which has had a circulation numbering in the millions, (76) "God suffered Jesus to thus be put to death, knowing that He would raise Jesus out of death as a spirit creature . . ." Several times more he makes such statements as, (77) " . . . God raised Jesus out of death and gave him life as a Spirit," and, "God raised Jesus out of death a spirit." The founder of the cult, "Pastor" Charles Taze Russell, declared of Christ's body, (78) "We know nothing of what became of it, except that it did not decay or corrupt (Acts 2:27, 31). Whether it was dissolved into gases or whether it is still preserved somewhere as the grand memorial of God's love, of Christ's obedience, and of our redemption, no one knows."

Multi-married, mentally-troubled Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Patterson Eddy, founder of "Christian Science," so-called, wrote that (79) "Jesus was not dead when they took Him down from the cross. He let the people think that He was dead, but in reality He was only pretending to be dead." That makes Him a deceiver and a pretender who perpetrated the greatest hoax and fraud of history. Again she wrote, (80) "He was demonstrating the science of mind over the claims of matter in the tomb for three days. Hence, Jesus never having died, it was unnecessary for Him to rise from the dead. Besides Jesus, neither rose nor ascended. His body evaporated into nothing. 'The Eternal Christ Idea' went to where it was before."

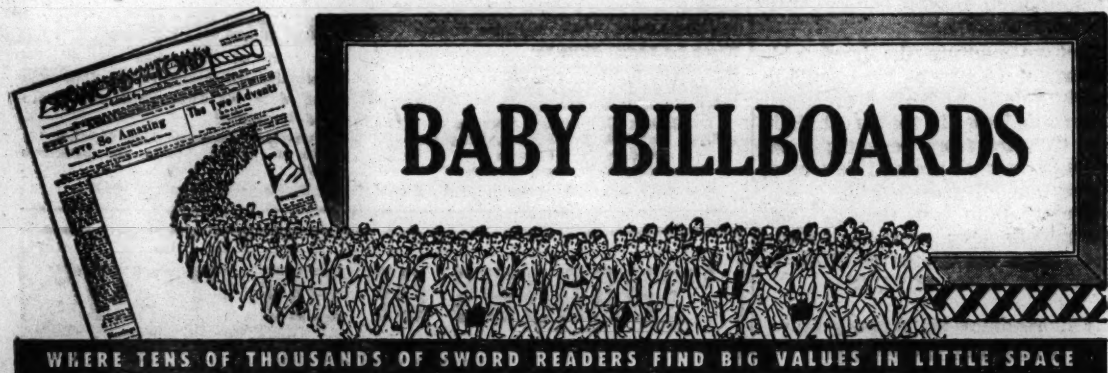
But again let us turn to the Living Word of God for the Truth! What happened to the body of Christ? Hear the victorious testimony of the Apostle Paul, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept" (1 Cor. 15:20).

Read the convincing challenge of Christ to His doubting disciples: "Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have" (Luke 24:38, 39). This one witness alone for ever answers all advocates of the "spiritual" resurrection theory!

Behold the testimony of the four inspired evangelists! "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" (Matt. 28:6). "Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; He is not here: behold the place where they laid him" (Mark 16:6). "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again" (Luke 24:5-7). "This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead" (John 21:14).

Peter, preaching at Pentecost, declared, "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it" (Acts 2:23, 24). A few days later he reminded them, "But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom

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### New President of Fuller Seminary

The appointment of Professor Edward John Carnell as president of Fuller Theological Seminary was announced September 23, at the eighth annual convocation. The announcement was made by the retiring president-in-absentia, Dr. Harold John Ockenga, who had elected to return to the pulpit of the Park Street Church in Boston. The appointment became effective immediately.

President Carnell, who has served the Seminary as professor of apologetics since 1948, is 35 years old. He is a Baptist, graduate of Wheaton College, Westminster Theological Seminary and Harvard Divinity School.

Dr. Ockenga will now act as president of the Board of Trustees, replacing Dr. Charles E. Fuller. Dr. Fuller will remain on the Board.

### Christian Newspaper for African Tribe

The Yoruba Tribe of Western Nigeria, on the eve of the introduction of free compulsory education, responded greatly to the initial sale, in September, of the Christian paper, *African Challenge Li Ede Yoruba*. This twelve-page paper, published by the Sudan Interior Mission, is a translation of the English paper, *African Challenge*. It meets a real need among the Yorubas, since reading material in their language is very limited.

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God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses" (Acts 3:14, 15). And to the household of Cornelius he announced, "Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead" (Acts 10: 40, 41).

Paul describes these chosen witnesses as "Cephas" then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time" (I Cor. 15: 5-8).

Yes, as Luke declares, "he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs . . ." (Acts 1:3). The arguments of Christ's literal, physical, bodily resurrection from the grave after three days and three nights are unanswerable! This foundation stands!

### VI. The Foundation of Christ's Blood Atonement for Sin Attacked by Modernists Claiming to Be Christians

The other foundational attack from within, which we will mention in this message, is against the blood atonement provided by Christ at Calvary. An article in this paper over ten years ago quoted Dr. Gerald Berney Smith as saying, (81) "To insist dogmatic-

ally that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins is both foolish and futile in an age which has abandoned the idea of bloody sacrifice."

Methodist Bishop Francis J. McConnell wrote, (82) "Back in the early ages of the Church there were some thinkers . . . who taught that Satan had a claim on the souls of men which only the death of the Son of God could satisfy and that God met the obligation by sending the Son to the Cross. As an intellectual construction this theory arouses only an amused pity today."

Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin, a past president of Union Theological Seminary, agrees. Said he, (83) "The revolt from various theories of the atonement has been due to their unchristian views of God . . . Certain widely used hymns still perpetuate the theory that God pardons sinners, because Christ purchased that pardon by His obedience and suffering. But a forgiveness that it paid for is not forgiveness." Then he claimed, (84) "There is no cleansing blood which can wipe out the record of what has been . . . The cross of Christ is not a means of procuring forgiveness."

Methodist adult Sunday School classes were instructed: (85) "We should shake ourselves loose from mystical, theological sentimental notions that come out of the easy acceptance of the death of Christ as a guaranty of our own salvation, without effort on our part. Our own salvation comes by long processes of crossbearing for the things Jesus did and taught. . . . Jesus paid the cost of His salvation on the cross."

The voice of liberalism, Charles Clayton Morrison in his *Christian Century*, wrote, (86) "Who can look on such a one as he hangs upon the cross and cries, 'It is finished,' and believe that it is indeed finished? . . . Our soul revolts at the conception. It is not finished. We must defend the world against such an indictment."

George Buttrick wrote of the cross, (87) "Jesus . . . had done nothing to incur God's wrath. And if God dealt with Him as if He were a sinner and the greatest sinner, then we must say of God

(as a cynical Frenchman did say of the God of these penal theologians), 'Your God is my Devil.'"

The new "Interpreter's Bible" commentary calls atonement by blood a "primitive tradition" and says, (88) "Realistically, shed blood is horrible beyond words . . ." It also declares, (89) "To Paul and Augustine, both men with cruel pasts, both men living among scenes of sacrificial cruelty, the slaying of the lamb could become the central picture of their faith . . . a satisfactory theory of atonement for murder by murder can be reached only by sophisticated and theological ruses unacceptable to fair minds today. We need a new statement of Christian doctrine which will discard outworn imagery . . . The time has come when we can discard some of the imagery of blood which was entirely satisfactory to Paul and Augustine, as it was to Moses . . . For in the 'fountain filled with blood' idea there is undoubtedly much of the mistakenly mystical justification and glorification of war."

Nels F. S. Ferre, called (90) "scholar and saint" by the *British Weekly*, denied the necessity of salvation on the ground of Christ's shed blood when he told the Baptist and Christian clergy-to-be, (91) "Idol worship is not all bad and saintly souls in all times and places have worshiped idols. Through their worship God has also been reached."

Methodist Bishops C. Bromley Oxnam and William C. Martin apparently agree with Ferre. They go as far as to say, (92) "Communists are all . . . members of his (God's) family." This rules out, of course, a new birth based upon faith in Christ's finished work as a prerequisite for membership in God's family.

A one-time superintendent of the Boston Baptist City Mission, Myron J. Hertel, declared, (93) "The blood of Jesus Christ is of no more value in the salvation of a soul than the water in which Pilate washed his hands."

Dr. Rufus M. Jones, a former National-Federal Council Vice-President, wrote, (94) "Sin is not a debt which somebody can pay and so wash off the slate."

Dr. William P. Merrill, Presbyterian minister of New York, offers the modernist conception when he says, (95) "What really saves me, saves the individual, is not something which Jesus did 1,900 years ago. How can a past fact have present vital power? . . . What saves me is something which God does now, something he is always doing, something which is part of his very nature and has been wrought by him into the very stuff of the world he is making. I am saved by the self-sacrifice of God now, mediated to me through parents and friends through all who risk their lives that my life might be better."

The blood atonement is also a special target of false cults and isms. Elder T. W. Williams of the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons), declared, (96) "We have no sympathy with this unwarranted hobby, 'Jesus paid it all; we can do nothing for ourselves.' Again, this cult teaches, (97) "The atonement is of no practical utility, save to those who by deeds of righteousness acquit themselves before the final Tribunal."

"Christian Science" theorizes, (98) "One sacrifice, however great, is insufficient to pay the debt of sin—the atonement requires constant self-immolation on the sinner's part." And again, (99) "The material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon the accursed tree than when it was flowing through His veins."

"Judge" J. R. Rutherford of the "Jehovah's Witnesses" wrote, (100) " . . . the death of Jesus was not for the purpose of satisfying justice." Still again he said, (101) "The suffering of Jesus had nothing to do with the purchase price of mankind . . ."

Seventh Day Adventists admit they (102) "dissent from the view that the atonement was made upon the cross, as is generally held." The chief prophetess and founder of the movement, Mrs. Ellen G. White, wrote, (103) "The condition of eternal life is now just what it always has been, . . . perfect obedience to the law of

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ed. Publication of future issues will be slow at first until African personnel can be trained in journalism.

### Child Evangelism Week

November 1 through 7 will be known as National Child Evangelism Fellowship Week in the United States. In view of the rising tide of juvenile delinquency, this emphasis, consisting of special rallies, distribution of appropriate literature, radio announcements and programs, will serve to impress Christian churches with the need of winning children to Christ early in life. The effort is sponsored by the National Child Evangelism Fellowship of Pacific Palisades, California.

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### Bad "Comics" Banned

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God." Assuredly, that is a dissension from the Biblical view of salvation by grace through faith on the ground of Christ's finished work!

But it was Uriah Smith, one of the movement's most prominent authors for half a century, who boldly declared, (104) "Christ did not make the atonement when He shed His blood upon the Cross. Let this fact be fixed forever in the mind." And a president of the group added, (105) "It is impossible to conclude that a complete work of atoning for sin was wrought upon the Cross."

Spiritualism is another cult teaching, (106) "Ten thousand bleeding Christs will not atone for the least transgression of the laws of our being."

But once again it is a matter of "What saith the Scriptures?" Irregardless of how loudly the Gerald Berney Smiths object that it is "both foolish and futile" to insist "that without shedding of blood there is no remission of sins," the Word of God declares, "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22). First John 1:7 reminds us, " . . . the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." And verse two of the next chapter adds that His work on Calvary provided " . . . the propitiation for our sins; and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

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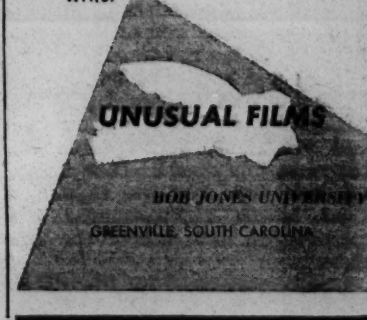
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## "If the Foundations . . . !"

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asmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Pet. 1:18, 19).

Paul called the attention of "the saints and faithful brethren in Christ" at Colosse to the fact that "we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:14). He wrote the same to the Ephesians, enlarging slightly: "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:7).

Christ emphasized this truth when He instituted the Lord's supper, saying, "... Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:27, 28). Even before that occasion, when they were discussing greatness, He had explained to them, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28).

How frequent are the Scriptures explaining the finished atonement provided by Christ and showing that "Jesus paid it all." Hebrews 10:12 says, "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God." First Peter 2:24 declares, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." And the next chapter adds, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit" (I Pet. 3:18).

The new song of Heaven, joyously to be sung while eternity's ages roll on, is, "Thou [Christ] art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth" (Rev. 5:9, 10).

Abundant Bible proof has already been given, but let me close this defense with two quotations from the great justification epistle. "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life" (Rom. 5:8-10).

Earlier in the epistle it is taught that the saved have been "justified freely by his grace through the redemption that it in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Rom. 3:24-28).

But before we close, let us briefly consider

### VII. Can These Foundations Be Destroyed? Are They in Danger of Crumbling?

Read again verses 4 through 7 of our text: "The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men. The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup. For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright."

In other words, **GOD IS STILL**

**ON THE THRONE!** It means that the foundations will stand as long as He stands! That is why Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35). That is why David declared, "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Ps. 119:89). That is why Peter promised, "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever" (I Pet. 1:25).

Have you ever read II Timothy 2:19? There is recorded the positive promise, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure . . ." Even the combined forces of Hell cannot prevail against the Lord's foundations. Said Christ to Peter, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). Thank God, even in these days of atom, hydrogen and cobalt bombs, there remaineth "those things which cannot be shaken" (Heb. 12:27).

Dr. Bob Shuler tells of an experience he had years ago while fishing on a barge several miles out in the Pacific from Manhattan Beach, California. Suddenly, and almost without warning, one of the dread coastal storms struck, tossing the barge to and fro on the giant waves like a matchbox on the roaring Niagara! They fastened Shuler's son Bob, then just a lad, to a timber and prayed.

As the 'Santa Ana' raged on, the preacher became aware of a chilling grinding noise: the haunting sound of a slipping anchor. Immediately past visions of numerous wrecked boats on the rocky shore line came to his mind. Fear gripped his heart. Finally they lowered a second and last anchor, but the grinding continued and the barge was driven closer and closer toward shoal and rock.

But then, just as suddenly as it had begun, the storm ended. The heavens were again filled with the happy twinkling of innumerable stars and the lights of Manhattan Beach appeared on the shore—less than a mile away!

Said Dr. Shuler following that harrowing experience, (107) "From that hour I have prayed for an anchor that will hold. And thank God I know where there is such an anchor."

That anchor is Christ and His Word. Hebrews 6:19, 20 assures us, "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

Christian, though the higher critics, the infidels, the cultists and the modernists hurl their deadliest assaults, "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls" (Jer. 6:16).

Sinner friend, get on the Rock! Remember that "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 3:11). Take God at His word! "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

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